

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on December 5, 2013

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on Dec 6, 2013 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	Mat Noble	P	Rick Burris			
Department of Transportation	Andy Getch	P	Lili Wu			
Lee County Port Authority	Josh Philpott	P	Ellen Lindblad			
Lee Tran	Steve Myers	P	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	P	Mildred Hammer			
City of Fort Myers						
Department of Planning	Nicole DeVaughn	A	Lynee Rodriguez			
Department of Engineering	Ben Bullert	P	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 Feeney	A	John Gucciardo			
Collier MPO						
	Lorrain Lantz	P	Sue Faulkner			
Charlotte MPO						
	Bob Herrington		Gary Harrell	P		
SWFL Regional Planning Council						
	Margaret Wuerstle		Jennifer Pellechio	P	Dave Crawford	

Those also in attendance included: Russ Muller FDOT; Ned Baier Jacobs; Varo Suguri, FGCU; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; and Don Scott, and Brian Raimondo of the Lee County MPO.

Chairperson Zambrano called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the November 7, 2013 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. NOBLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOV 7, 2013 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. MYERS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – 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 #3 – *Review and Endorsement of FDOT’s FY 2014 Through FY 2019 Tentative Work Program

Mr. Russ Muller presented this item. Russ reviewed the Add, Defer, Delete, table that was handed out (attached)



LEE MPO ADDS,
DELETES, DEFERS.pd

Additions

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4350121 Presides asked how to change the project scope.

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4354321 Presides asked is this because the scope was approved?

4347071 Presides asked is this a bike/ped request. Don said it was to fill in the gap. Russ said it's from the CTST

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4345101 Dawn asked which phase they are doing first for construction.

4349911 Matt wanted to know where the roundabout study would be. Don said a list had been compiled. Noble said the list may need revisited.

4101401 Myers said it should be a state grant and not a block grant under the description.

Deletes

4298141 Presides said it was deleted but limits were changed. This was deleted but another was added.

4300141 Don asked if the bridge repairs are no longer needed. Russ said he will look into it.

Defers

4308901 Presided said this was good for the cape.

Advancements

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Increases

4226212 Don questioned when would they all need to be replaced.

Don discussed the comparison of funding.

Persides said a SRTS project is missing for \$164,000

Don said cape has nine projects in one fiscal year and asked whether there needed to be any changes, like asking for revisions to years or asking FDOT to do a couple of the projects or can the Cape handle them all. Persides responded that they are starting a second crew.

Comments

Steve Myers, stated that LeeTran appreciated the fourth and fifth year additions on the transit. 4073291 but expects a million dollar budget problem after the fifth year. He thinks money is being taken from Lee County to give to other counties for new projects. LeeTran can't support the work program due to this.

Dawn Huff, The district is looking to do a press release for signed and funded projects. Do the municipalities have a problem with this? Do they wait until the governor signs it in June. She prefers to wait. Don said wait, at least, until it goes through the public hearing process.

Andy said to coordinate with Betsy Clayton the county. PIO

Persides said to coordinate with their PIO. Connie Barron

Russ said to coordinate with Debbie tower.

MOTION BY MR. NOBLE TO APPROVE THE RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM THAT INCLUDED 1.) RESTORING THE \$400,000 IN FUNDING THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE US 41 TRANSIT CORRIDOR FUNDING PROJECT AND 2) ADDRESSING THE TRAFALGER SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FUNDING THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MR. GETCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Discussion and Input on the Burnt Store Road Joint MPO Meeting Agenda Item

Don introduced the item for discussion. There have been a lot of rumors about Burnt Store Road and a possible transfer to the State. Gary Harrell presented the Charlotte County Airport proposal to extend Piper Road to US17 and connect Burnt Store road to US 17 via Piper Road and designating the corridor as US17 all the way into Cape Coral.

The committee discussed the ongoing projects along the corridor.

No action

Agenda Item #5 – Review of the Proposed Goals and Objectives for the Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. The goal is to simplify the goals and objectives this time to be more user friendly. Darla Letourneau recommended adding more emphasis on safety given the high rates of crashes the county is seeing. Don asked that if anyone had any comments please provide them and he will finalize it and bring it back for final approval.

Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approval of the San Carlos Trolley Lane Scope

Mr. Scott presented this item. A year and half ago the Lee MPO prioritized the San Carlos Trolley project for a Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study between Summerlin Road and San Carlos Boulevard following the discussions and presentations from an alternatives analysis that was done by FDOT about two years ago. Last year the PD&E study was programmed by FDOT in FY 2014/2015. Since that time there have been different stakeholders that have raised questions and issues, some within the project limits and some outside the project limits, that have led the MPO staff to develop a planning scope to help define the scope of work for the PD&E study.

The Scope that is included in the packet is about twice the amount that the MPO can afford at this time so the scope will need to be scaled back to a more affordable level. The goal is to gain a consensus that FDOT can build upon during the PD&E phase. The current budget is around 50,000. Don asked that any comments be provided to him.

Agenda Item #7 – Discuss Tasks for the FY 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 UPWP

Mr. Scott presented this item. The main focus of the UPWP will be the plan update and the data collection to support the update. Persides recommended a Bike/Ped Master Plan update.

Other Business

Agenda Item #8 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

No comments

Agenda Item #9 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Gaither provided the LeeTran report. Wayne noted for the first time in over a year LeeTran saw a drop in ridership, this is due to the cutting of holiday service.

Agenda Item #10 – FDOT Report

Mr. Muller said that FDOT has a new Liaison for Collier County and her name is Susan Lex.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Don provided an update on the TIGER grant.

Agenda Item #12 – Topics for next meeting

None.

Agenda Item #13 – Information and Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.