

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on January 3, 2013

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on January 3, 2013 at the Lake Kennedy Senior Center, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral, FL.

Rick Burris	Lee County Community Development
Andy Getch	Lee DOT
Daniel Rudge	LeeTran
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral Public Works
Kitty Sayers	Cape Coral Mini Bus Service
Swara Farheen	City of Fort Myers Engineering
Walter Fluegel	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Ben Pople	City of Sanibel
John Gucciardo	City of Bonita Springs
Margaret Wuerstle	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Bob Herrington	Charlotte County Punta Gorda MPO

Those also in attendance included: Johnny Limbaugh with FDOT; Bill Spikowski with Spikowski Planning Associates; Ned Baier with Jacobs Engineering; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Gary Harrell with Charlotte County Punta Gorda MPO; and Don Scott, Meghan Marion, Ron Gogoi and Anna Bielawska of the Lee County MPO.

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Chairman Fluegel.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the December 6, 2012 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MR. RUDGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 6, 2012 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. GUCCIARDO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Fluegel moved Agenda Item #3 down on the agenda to be discussed when more committee members arrive.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Endorsement of the FY 2012/2013 – FY 2013/2014 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this item. Mr. Scott said that the MPO staff is working on amending their Unified Planning Work Program to address several items including a reduction in MPO Planning (PL) dollars for next year's budget. All of the changes are listed in the agenda packet. One of the changes is that staff funded tasks are being adjusted to allow for excess funds to be used on several upcoming consultant tasks.

**MOTION BY MS. WUERSTLE TO APPROVE ENDORSEMENT OF THE
FY 2012/2013 – FY 2013/2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM.
SECONDED BY MR. RUDGE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #5 – Review of the Draft Lee MPO/LeeTran Transit Planning Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Scott presented this item. He said that the item should be tabled as MPO staff is still coordinating with LeeTran on a draft of the agreement.

Ms. Zambrano arrived at 9:39 a.m.

Mr. Scott said that the MPO auditor has said that the agreement process needs to be more defined in terms of the 5303 funding. The updated agreement will be brought to the committee next month.

Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approval of the Hotel/Motel and School Base Year Model Validation Data

Mr. Scott presented this item. MPO staff has been working on the 2010 base year model validation data for the 2040 LRTP update. The hotel/motel and school data are attached for review.

Mr. Scott said that there has been discussion in the past concerning the hotel/motel data. In the past model, there were about 20,000 hotel units and when you looked at the actual data that number was too high. The final unit hotel count for 2010 was 11,894. The total number for 2010 schools (including staff and student count) was 87,790.

Mr. Pople mentioned that Christ Lutheran School in Cape Coral is no longer operational.

**MOTION BY MR. RUDGE TO APPROVE THE HOTEL/MOTEL AND
SCHOOL BASE YEAR MODEL VALIDATION DATA. SECONDED BY
MR. GUCCIARDO. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #7 – Review and Approval of the Congestion Management Scope of Work

Mr. Gogoi presented this item. The scope identifies the work to be performed to supplement the MPO's 2012 Congestion Management Report. A draft of this report was presented to the committees back in September. The results should provide a chance to evaluate the performance based goals, objectives, measures and targets from the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The scope will be brought before the MPO board for approval.

Mr. Rudge cautioned that an independent cost estimate is wanted when you are using federal funds, which has to be based on loaded rates.

Ms. Farheen arrived at 9:52 a.m.

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT SCOPE OF WORK. SECONDED BY MR. POPLER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #8 – Review and Approval of the Video Detection Data Collection Scope of Work

Mr. Gogoi presented this item. He said that traffic counts are critical to the MPO and the local governments' planning efforts. The MPO uses the traffic counts to validate the travel demand model during the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan and to help analyze and set priorities. Mr. Gogoi said that back in 2007 Lee County conducted traffic counts at 310 sites. By 2011, the number of sites counted dropped to 58 due to budgetary constraints. The challenge is to find cost effective alternate ways to count traffic. The county has 151 traffic cameras installed at signalized intersections that may be used to count and classify traffic, which could save the county money for traffic data collection. The scope looks at the accuracy and reliability of using video traffic detectors to do traffic counts. The cost is \$ 24,000.

Mr. Gogoi said that the scope has already been approved by the BPC. Ms. Zambrano asked if the scope was looked at by the TMOC. Mr. Gogoi answered that there have not been any TMOC meetings lately, and most of the BPC members are also part of the TMOC.

Ms. Zambrano asked how the intersections are being picked. Mr. Gogoi said that three intersections will be picked with Aldis cameras and three intersections will be picked with Solo/Terra cameras. Ms. Sayers asked which intersections will actually be used. Mr. Gogoi said that the intersections have not been picked yet.

Mr. Getch asked if these cameras count traffic by lane or give an overall count. Mr. Scott answered that the way the companies describe doing it is by lanes. Mr. Getch said that part of the reason the numbers of sites dropped so drastically is that the county stopped counting the state highway system, since they do their own counts. Also, minor collector roads and even some major collector roads are counted every few years. Mr. Getch said that this will be an interesting experiment to see how it measures up to traditional counting methods.

MOTION BY MS. ZAMBRANO TO APPROVE THE VIDEO DETECTION DATA COLLECTION SCOPE OF WORK. SECONDED BY MR. GETCH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 – Election of Officers

Ms. Marion presented this item. She said that she needs a new chair and vice-chair for 2013.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO NOMINATE MS. ZAMBRANO AS 2013 CHAIR OF THE TAC AND LEETRAN AS VICE-CHAIR. SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN FLUEGEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #9 – Discuss the Transportation Alternatives, SRTS, CMS and Multi-Modal Enhancement Projects Submitted

Mr. Gogoi presented this item.

Ms. Zambrano said the best way might be just to fund the plan. Mr. Scott answered that they must talk to FDOT staff to decide. Mr. Limbaugh of FDOT answered that it may be best to have a plan that way FDOT can start funding pieces of it: bicycle, pedestrian, long range, etc.

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that with the City of Cape Coral Ida Baker School Route, the city may be able to just have the design phase rather than an entire plan. Mr. Limbaugh said that he received some new information on Safe Routes to School. He said there is going to be a new application and new criteria. High schools are now eligible to be a part of the program. Mr. Scott asked when the actual deadline for Safe Routes to School will be. Mr. Limbaugh responded that it is February 28th.

Mr. Gogoi continued with his presentation.

There was some discussion regarding the SR 80 project near/within Conservation parcels. Mr. Getch said that the 2020 Conservation Process is a voluntary acquisition. They only work with willing sellers. Some 2020 Conservation parcels have allowances for other uses and some do not.

Agenda Item #10 – Review and Discussion of the Updated Long Range Transportation Plan Requirements

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Other Business

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

None.

Agenda Item #12 – LeeTran Report

None.

Agenda Item #13 – FDOT Report

Mr. Limbaugh of FDOT presented the report. He said that there will be a Metro Crossover public meeting today, January 3, 2013, at 5 p.m. at the Dr. Carrie Robinson Center.

Ms. Zambrano asked how the public hearing on the work program went.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements – Formation of a TAC Subcommittee for Functional Classification

Mr. Gogoi said that there needs to be a representative from each of the 6 jurisdictions for the TAC subcommittee on functional classification.

Some suggestions made were:

Town of Fort Myers Beach – Josh Overmeyer
City of Bonita Springs – Matt Feeney
City of Cape Coral – Persides Zambrano
Lee County DOT – Andy Getch
City of Sanibel – has to be discussed with Sanibel Public Works
City of Fort Myers – TBD

Mr. Scott said he handed out information on the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. The stakeholders' meeting is on Tuesday afternoon at the FDOT offices on Daniels Pkwy from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Rudge announced that Wayne Gaither is the new principal planner for LeeTran.

Mr. Gogoi asked the jurisdictions what they are doing with their land development codes, as this needs to be included in the BPC report:

Town of Fort Myers Beach – Mr. Fluegel said that nothing is changing now, but there might be some changes later through evaluation.

City of Cape Coral – Ms. Zambrano said that there will be some big changes at the mid-term.

City of Bonita Springs – Mr. Gucciardo said some changes are being made. He said he will have the city attorney get in touch with the MPO.

City of Sanibel – Mr. Pople said the city is at the early stages of looking at commercial redevelopment.

Mr. Getch said that he was contacted to be on a complete streets advisory group for the City of Fort Myers. They are looking at adopting the Broward County Complete Streets Model.

Agenda Item #15 – Topics for next meeting

Mr. Gogoi asked if Mr. Limbaugh knows when the modified ICAR agreement will be received. Mr. Limbaugh said no.

Mr. Rudge said that at some point there will be a transit task force update.

Agenda Item #16 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

