

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on April 10, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on April 10, 2013 at the Cape Coral City Hall, Conference Room 220A, 1015 Cultural Parkway Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Bonita Springs	David Liccardi
City of Cape Coral	Gary Gasperini
City of Fort Myers	Marinko Gnjidic
Lee County DOT	Steve Jansen
Leeway	Deborah Crane
CTST	Jay Anderson
Lee County Schools	Nina Garrett
LeeTran	Wayne Gaither
BPCC	Dan Moser
Town of Fort Myers Beach	Josh Overmyer
LCSO	Lt. Donnie Fewell
Collier County Traffic Operations	Anthony Khaweja
Collier County Traffic Operations	Rick Bassert

Those also in attendance included: Mary Wiley with FDOT; Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo and Don Scott with Lee County MPO; David Parks with Comvia Corporation; Arleny Barrios with Allied Engineering; JB McPherson with Florida Highway Patrol; and PT Barnum with Cape Coral PD

Agenda Item #1 – Election of Officers

MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. GAITHER SECONDED TO RE-ELECT MR. JANSEN AS THE CHAIR AND MR. ANDERSON AS THE VICE CHAIR. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – Committee of the Whole Recommendations from February 13, 2012 TMOC Meeting

MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. ANDERSON SECONDED THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2013 MEETING MINUTES. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. ANDERSON MOVED AND MR. MOSER SECONDED THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING TO TABLE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AGENDA ITEM TO THE APRIL 10, 2013 MEETING. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #3 – Minutes from the August 8, 2012 TMOC Meeting

MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. LICCARDI SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2013 TMOC MEETING.

Agenda Item #4 – Update on the Lee County Advanced Traffic Management System – Phase I

Ms. Wiley of FDOT Operations Office in Fort Myers invited Mr. Parks of AIM to provide an update of the ongoing Lee County Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) project. Mr. Parks explained how the ATMS will work once the project is completed and is operational. It is a design build project and the team includes Tindale Oliver and Associates as the lead designer, Traffic Control Devices as the Lead Contractor, and Allied Engineering is providing Project Oversight. The design phase began in November of 2012 and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. At the Billy Creek TOC; the video wall, work station equipment and furniture have been installed. Field work will start in August and the entire project will be completed by the end of next summer. He spoke about the benefits of the project and stated that the scope also includes addressing ADA deficiencies at intersections.

Agenda Item #5 – Update on the Draft Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Mr. Gogoi gave an overview on a first draft of the plan which included the goals, objectives, and recommended short term and long term actions. Comments from the TAC and CAC from the April 4th meetings were shared with the committee. Discussion ensued on some of the action items. It was announced that a public workshop on the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan would be held on April 17, 2013, at the United Way Office Building in Harlem Heights.

Agenda Item #6 – Presentation on the Lee County Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Awareness and Enforcement Campaign

Mr. Moser spoke about the bicycle pedestrian safety awareness and enforcement campaign and reported on the Project for Public Spaces event to be held in the Tice community. It will be a two day charrette on May 8th and 9th involving walking audits and stakeholder meetings with the intent of getting the community involved. The FDOT will use this event to kick off the Alert Today Alive Tomorrow Campaign in Lee County.

Agenda Item #7 – Presentation on the Existing and Proposed ITS Deployments in Collier County

Mr. Bossert gave a presentation on the background of the Collier County Traffic Operations Department and reported on the existing fiber optics network, ATMS, traffic data collection devices including video cameras and vehicle and pedestrian detectors. Midwest Software Solutions will be consolidating and automating their count data. He also reported on ongoing and future projects. An emergency pre-emption project was approved by the BOCC at its April 9, 2013 meeting which will benefit fire departments and the EMS.

Agenda Item #8 – Update on the CTST Intersection Reviews

Mr. Jansen reported on the results of the intersection reviews of 4 intersections including McGregor and Iona, Gladiolus and Maida, US 41 and Palm Avenue and Treeline and Arborgate. The sight distance lines are compromised by the landscaping at the Treeline and Arborgate intersection, the pavement markings on the roadways need to be brightened up and they are reviewing the current speed limits which are 50 mph. At the Iona/McGregor intersection, the access management project in the future would be able to address the problems. At Gladiolus and Maida, the Northbound free flow right turn lane requires more signage. The US 41 and Palm intersection is a high crash location which requires education for both pedestrians and motorists.

Agenda Item #9 – Update on Video Traffic Detector Traffic Count Verification Scope

Mr. Gogoi passed up the update so that the other items in the agenda could be covered.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #10 – Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda
None.

Agenda Item #11 – Local Government Reports

Mr. Liccardi reported that the City of Bonita Springs hired FTE to provide an assessment of the Terry Street and Old 41 intersection. The consultant is doing a proposal for the City to get a contractor to change out the signal and provide proper signalization so that the safety of the pedestrians in the crosswalks are not compromised by left turning vehicles. FTE has also recommended other things including additional signage and crosswalk markings to provide high visibility to pedestrians. Once the report is completed he would be able to share with the committee.

The City was also getting ready to let the bid for the construction work of the Shangri-La extension. The project will connect the Old 41 corridor to Three Oaks Parkway. The construction will start early summer and will take a year to complete.

Mr. Gasperini gave an update on the proposed improvements to the Surfside/Beach Parkway intersection. An independent study completed by Dave Douglas and Associates called for signage, rumble strips, reflectors, updated pavement markings as interim fixes to the intersection. The study also recommended long term fixes but Council is still evaluating that. The short term intersection enhancements amounting to \$46,000 are currently under way. He also reported on the long term improvements.

Mr. Gogoi reported on the status of the SR 78 resurfacing from Santa Barbara to Del Prado Boulevard.

Mr. Gaither reported that transportation is being provided to Jet Blue Stadium during game days through a taxi company. It was the product of a public-private partnership. He reported that FGCU will no longer be providing its share of operating Route 60 as of September 30th. The 50% cut on funds to operate the route would mean the service may have to be discontinued.

Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report

None.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #14 – Topics for next meeting

None.

Agenda Item #15 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.