

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on May 29, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on May 29, 2013 at the Cape Coral City Hall, Conference Room 220A, 1015 Cultural Parkway Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Cape Coral	Gary Gasperini
City of Fort Myers	Marinko Gnjidic
Lee County DOT	Steve Jansen
Leeway	Susan Hopwood
CTST	Jay Anderson
LCSO	Lt. Donnie Fewell
Cape Coral Police Department	Sgt. John Kulco

Those also in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with Lee County MPO; and Norman Parks with Florida Highway Patrol

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the May 29, 2013 TMOC Meeting

MR. ANDERSON MOVED AND MR. MARINKO SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2013 TMOC MEETING.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of TAP, Multi-Modal Enhancement and SRTS Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented the BPCC recommended TAP and Multi-modal priorities and reported that is anticipated that FDOT will program 3 years' worth of projected TA funds which approximately amounts to \$680,000 for each year. The requested amounts of funds totaled over \$5 million. He also reported that there is a sufficient amount of multi-modal box funds to implement all the candidate projects for that category of funding.

MS. HAYWOOD MOVED AND MR. ANDERSON SECONDED TO APPROVE THE TAP, MULTI-MODAL ENHANCEMENT AND SRTS PRIORITIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BPCC.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of STP and State Fund Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented the STP and state fund priorities and explained the various projects on the list. He also discussed the two versions of the proposed priorities. The CAC version called for a removal of the Caloosahatchee River Bridge Incident

Management System Phase II project while the TAC version maintained it assigning it however with the lowest priority among all the competing projects. He reported that the BPCC recommended approval of the CAC version.

MOTION BY MR. GASPERINI TO RECOMMEND MPO APPROVAL OF THE STP AND STATE FUND PRIORITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE CAC VERSION. SECONDED BY MS. HOPWOOD MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Approval of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the draft Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was not yet ready to be presented to the MPO Board for approval. He stated that staff will take into consideration any input received at the TMOC, and the other advisory committees before rewording and modifying the recommended actions.

There was a discussion on bike ped education and enforcement as called out in the Action Plan. While bicyclists and pedestrians welcomed the educational part they did not like the enforcement part. A suggestion was that the Chamber of Commerce could participate in the education effort by providing classes at the hotels where visitors to Lee County are staying. There was also a concern that bike ped enforcement may not go down too well with the general public when crime prevention is always a high priority.

Discussion ensued on funding through this Plan to pay for overtime for doing law enforcement. Lt. Fewell stated that overtime is good but it does not work when there is not sufficient man power. In 2004 there were 32 officers with the LCSO and now there are only 22. His own unit lost 4 officers to another Program and he is worried that he will not be able to spend all of the \$49,000 in the State DUI grant available to them this year. They are behind in DUI stats. The existing officers are already carrying a heavy load and that the Sheriff's office would have difficulty using any overtime dollars for this reason. There was general agreement that other law enforcement agencies in the County is going through the same problem.

Agenda Item #5 – MPO Authorization to Execute FDOT Local Memorandum of Understanding for Traffic Incident Management

Mr. Raimondo presented this item. He said that the MPO Director will sign for the MPO with the MPO Board approval. The Management Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) does not require any funding or staff from MPO. The item in front of them only applies to the execution of the agreement by the Lee County MPO, and that individual law enforcement and public safety agencies were addressing them separately and individually for execution by their own agencies.

MOTION BY MR. ANDERSON RECOMMENDING THAT THE MPO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. SECONDED BY MR. GASPERINI. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – LeeWay Presentation

Ms. Hopwood gave a presentation on Lee County's Toll Facility Programs, a status of ongoing improvements to the Cape Coral Parkway Bridge, Net and Access Toll Revenues collected in the 3 toll facilities, and the use of excess toll revenues for capital improvements. She reported that last year the electronic toll participation among users of the 3 toll bridges was 58% system-wide. She talked about a reverse look up program when transponders are not working which could be because the account is out of funds or the vehicle did not match, and that customers don't get a violation but instead the toll is charged to the account. She also talked about the Plate by Plate Program for rental cars where a third party contractor manages all the large rental car providers so that they are not actually violating the County's toll roads. She reported that LeeWay maintains interoperability among the different toll agencies in the State, and consistent with the federal mandate for national interoperability, the Orlando Orange County Authority, the Florida Turnpike Enterprise and North Carolina are working on that endeavor. LeeWay is also installing a daughter board in the readers so that they have the ability to read the CAP transponder for EZ Pass which is used in 14 states in the North.

Agenda Item #7 – Road Safety Presentation

Mr. Gogoi reported that the road safety presentation will be provided at the August TMOC meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

None.

Agenda Item #9 – Local Government Reports

None

Agenda Item #10 – FDOT Report

None.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #12 – Topics for next meeting

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the next meeting will have an agenda item on the results of the 2013 congestion survey and the performance measure analysis of the Lee County Transportation Network.

Agenda Item #13 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.