

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on August 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on August 14, 2013 at the Cape Coral City Annex, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Cape Coral	Gary Gasperini
City of Fort Myers	Marinko Gnjidic
City of Fort Myers Beach	Josh Overmyer
Lee County DOT	Steve Jansen
Leeway	Susan Hopwood
CTST	Jay Anderson
LCSO	Lt. Donnie Fewell
Cape Coral Police Department	Sgt. John Kulco
Injury Prevention Council	Dan Moser
Anna Bielawska	LeeTran

Those also in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with Lee County MPO; Shane Merit with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; Dallas Smart with the City of Fort Myers PD; and Ricky Caines with FDOT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. OVERMYER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 29, 2013 TMOC MEETING.

Agenda Item #2 – 2013 Congestion Locations Survey Results

Mr. Gogoi gave a background on the MPO's annual congestion reporting surveys and reported who participated in the congestion survey process. In addition to asking respondents to identify congested locations, the survey also included questions on how they commuted to work, types of vehicles they drove and how they commuted to schools and colleges.

Most of the identified congested locations were a repeat from previous years, and for some like Estero Boulevard, Daniels Parkway and Colonial Boulevard the problem will persist because they are either constrained facilities or there are no current improvements identified that provide a solution. Some of the repeat locations included Gladiolus Boulevard, especially in the eastbound direction at US 41, and westbound

Alico Road at US 41 where the problems were expected to diminish if not completely go away with the construction of the Metro Extension/Michael G. Rippe Parkway. He then proceeded to show the congested locations which were reported extensively by the public.

Mr. Jansen stated that he would contact Mr. Cashdollar with FDOT to address the public request for a SB permissive left on US 41 to Bus 41, and that he will conduct a turning movement counts study for WB rights on Alico Road to NB US 41. He also stated that the problems at the crossing of Corkscrew Road and Corkscrew Village Boulevard would be alleviated by a frontage road on the south side of Corkscrew Woodlands Boulevard providing access to Corkscrew Village.

Agenda Item #3 – State of the Lee County Transportation Network Presentation

Mr. Gogoi introduced MPO's consultant Nick Lepp with Renaissance Planning Group who did an analysis of the conditions of the Lee County Transportation Network using various performance measures. Mr. Lepp presented a power point of the results of the analysis. In response to a question by Mr. Jansen on the Cape Coral Activity Center, Mr. Lapp replied that the future Cape Coral 20 minute travel shed and the distance covered was affected by population and employment growth in North Cape Coral. He also affirmed that only existing LeeTran routes were considered in the travel shed. Routes have to grow with the population growth areas or growth areas have to be controlled and confined around the existing routes.

Agenda Item #4 – Road Safety Audit Presentation

Mr. Gogoi introduced John Temple with Cardno TBE who was under contract to FDOT. Mr. Temple proceeded to give a power point presentation on Road Safety Audits and he pointed out that most of the examples were from District 7. He also reported that Mr. Gary Amig of FDOT will be undertaking RSA Audits in District One.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion on Proposed Federal Truck Legislation

Mr. Scott provided an overview of a discussion he had with the Florida State Director for the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT). CABT is a non-profit that advocates at the federal and state level against bigger semi-trucks on our roads in Florida and across the nation. The group works with various agencies to communicate with state and federal elected officials about the safety and infrastructure damage that arises from larger vehicles being allowed on the roadway system. The visit was related to H.R. 612 that is a proposed bill that would amend Title 23 USC with respect to vehicle weight limitations applicable to the Interstate system. The committee discussed the disadvantages of allowing the increase given the wear and tear on the roadway and increased maintenance cost. There are also safety issues that need to be considered. No action was taken at this time other than an acceptance of the sample letter prepared by CABT by the committee on the bill objection that could be sent to the Congress by communities and local governments in Lee County.

Agenda Item #6 – Approval of the 2014 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Moser moved and Mr. Overmyer seconded the approval of the 2014 TMOC Meeting Calendar.

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

Mr. Gogoi shared Phase II design drawings of the traffic operations improvements at the intersection of US 41 and Colonial Boulevard.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #12 – Topics for next meeting

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the possible topics could be the approval of the 2012 Congestion Monitoring Report and the Analysis of traffic cameras for their ability to count vehicular traffic counts by video detection.

Agenda Item #13 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.