

# MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on October 9, 2013

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on October 9, 2013 at the Cape Coral City Hall, Room No 220A, 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
CTST	Jay Anderson
LCSO	Lt. Donnie Fewell
Wayne Gaither	LeeTran

Those also in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Don Scott with Lee County MPO; Debi Stephen and Ricky Caines with FDOT; Christine Diaz with Commuter Services; Jason Sandt with Fort Myers PD; and Ravi Devaguptapu and Megan Mecham with FTE;

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the August 14, 2013 TMOc Meeting

**MR. OVERMYER MOVED AND MR. GAITHER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 14, 2013 TMOc MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Agenda Item #2 – Approval of the 2012 Congestion Monitoring Report

Mr. Gogoi reported that with the completion of the “*The State of the System (SOS) Report*” which evaluated the condition of the Lee County transportation network and reported system trends, the 2012 Congestion Monitoring Report was complete, and he asked the committee to approve the Report.

**MR. ANDERSON MOVED AND MR. OVERMYER SECONDED THE APPROVAL OF THE 2012 CONGESTION MONITORING REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Agenda Item #3 – Findings and Recommendations From the Video Detection Analysis

Mr. Gogoi reported that the MPO’s consultant, FTE Inc., worked on a project that examined existing traffic cameras – Aldis and Autoscope Solo Terra - at specific signalized intersections in Lee County for their ability to count vehicular, bicycle and

pedestrian traffic and to also measure the ability of the cameras to detect bicyclists on the travel lanes and crosswalks. Since technical issues made collection of data difficult, the analysis could not be carried out properly. Discussion ensued on the possibility of the MPO contracting out work orders for conducting traffic counts on specific corridors using Miovision cameras, and the ability of such cameras to distinguish vehicle types to determine truck counts. Mr. Jansen mentioned that the Aldis cameras were used by the County at certain locations for bicycle pedestrian detection but their reliability could not be ascertained.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Identification of CMS projects for Next Round of MPO Funding**

Mr. Gogoi and Mr. Jansen presented a list of potential congestion management and safety projects for tapping into MPO's Multimodal Enhancement Box funds during the 2014 funding cycle. They identified the projects from this list that the MPO and the County would be submitting applications for Box funds including improvements at the intersection of Fowler and Colonial, installing a 4 section head flashing yellow for northbound lefts on Del Prado at SE 6<sup>th</sup> St, purchase and installation of PZT and BlueTOAD cameras, and purchase and installation of Pedestrian Access Signals Countywide. Mr. Gnjidic suggested adding a project to install a SB right turn lane on US 41 to Llwellyn Drive to mitigate traffic backups in AM and afternoon peak hours. Mr. Jansen pointed out that the improvement would impact existing 4f property. Mr. Gnjidic also suggested a project on the intersection of Edison and Ford Street to address congestion during school start and dismissal times. He also called for a protected/permissive left turn traffic signal phasing at the intersections of SR 82 and Cranford, and SR 82 and Palm Avenue. Both intersections currently have a traffic signal with permissive left turns on 82 to Cranford Street and Palm Avenue.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Truck Routing Plan Update**

Mr. Scott reported that the Estero community had been raising concerns about the volume and frequency of sand trucks that will be using Corkscrew Road to furnish sand to Collier County. He reported that Citizens Advisory Committee of both Lee and Collier MPOs wrote a joint letter to the County Commissioners in both counties to explore additional routing options. The truck volumes added to the already large number of school buses accessing the neighborhoods off of Corkscrew Road.

Lt. Fewell mentioned that the Lee County Sheriff Deputies will be monitoring the speeds of the sand trucks on Corkscrew Road.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Update on Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Scott shared input and feedback on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Action Plan obtained at the September 20<sup>th</sup> MPO Board meeting with the committee.

#### **Update on Commuter Service**

Ms. Diaz gave an overview on commuter service outreach activities in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties. Lee County has 4,349 registered commuters and 33 partners. She

reported that the Arthrex office in Naples relocated to Fort Myers, and expanded by opening a new office in Ava Maria. This resulted in the formation of a new vanpool service to facilitate commuting from Naples to Fort Myers. She also reported that several employers in Lee County received the 2013 Gold Level Partners award.

## **OTHER 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**

None.

### **Agenda Item #13 – Information & Distribution Items**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.