

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on October 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on October 7, 2015 at the Fort Myers Regional Library, 1651 Lee Street, Fort Myers.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Bill Floyd | Lee County Emergency Management |
| Connor Cardwell | FHP |
| Craig Chandler | City of Sanibel |
| Dan Moser | BPCC |
| Dallas Smart | Fort Myers PD |
| Dennis Petraeca | LCSO |
| Gary Gasperini | Cape Coral |
| Jay Anderson | Lee County CTST |
| Jon Kulko | Cape Coral PD |
| Roger Lloyd | Lee County School District |
| Sarah Plumer | LeeTran |
| Stephen Jansen | Lee County DOT |

Those also in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with the Lee County MPO; and Kevin Ingle with FDOT; and Nick Lapp and Caleb Van Nostrand with RPG.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10 TMOC MEETING

MR. ANDERSON MOVED AND MR. GASPERINI SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 10, 2015 TMOC MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – PRESENTATION OF CONTINUOUS FLOW INTERSECTIONS AT DANIELS AND SR 82

Mr. Ingle explained the concept of a Continuous Flow Intersection and how it works using a video of the existing CFI at the intersection of 35th South and Bangerter Highway in Salt Lake City, Utah. There are less conflicts at a CFI than a regular intersection. A conceptual drawing of the proposed CFI at the intersection of Daniels and Gunnery, the first of its kind in Florida, was presented. Discussion ensued on possible mid-block crossings if there was a bus stop and pedestrian conflicts, bicyclists and pedestrians navigating

through the intersection, and the costs of the CFI. Mr. Ingle explained that proper signage and marking will be necessary to educate motorists. On the SR 82 approaches there will be 2 additional signals at midblock to support the left turn movements. FDOT could look into providing battery backups for each signal that could last for 12 to 24 hours which will address power outages. CFI construction is going to be part of the SR 82 six-lane widening from Colonial Blvd to Shawnee Blvd, and that the \$56.3 million in costs include the widening, drainage, sidewalks, shared use path (south side), and concrete pavements.

Agenda Item #3 – APPROVAL OF CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS ELEMENT

Mr. Lapp presented the Congestion Management Element Report and Mr. Gogoi gave an overview of projects in the 10 year cost feasible list of congestion management projects in the 2021 – 2030 time frame. These interim projects will address congestion on corridors that are otherwise expected to fail during this time frame without major capacity improvements. He asked for additional projects from the committee. Mr. Jansen suggested bridge collector roads across canal to complete grid, traffic signals at the intersections of Gunnery and 8th St West, Pine Island Road and NE 24th Avenue, creating offsets to reduce left turn crashes at the intersection of SR 80 and Joel Boulevard. The City of Fort Myers projects proposed by Mr. Karakos were already addressed through the MPO Roundabout Study and one of them was already in the list.

MR. ANDERSON MOVED AND MR. GASPERINI SECONDED THAT THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS ELEMENT BE RECOMMENDED FOR MPO APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 –REPORT ON CTST REVIEWS

Mr. Jansen reported the results of site reviews conducted at Metro Parkway and Idlewild, Cape Coral Parkway and Waikiki, and College Parkway and McGregor Boulevard.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item #5 – UPDATE ON THE COMMUTER SERVICES ACTIVITY IN LEE AND COLLIER COUNTIES

Ms. Diaz provided partner statistics for Lee and Collier County that were registered in the program. There were 4,648 in Lee County and 1,741 in Collier County. The statistics included commute data by modes that was developed based on information entered by the registrants. The statistics did not account for people who used some form of commuter services but was not registered in the program. Quality control was conducted normally in November and December so that partner information and registrants were up to date. Lee and Collier County outreach activities included program recruitment with the City of Naples, Health Fair and Employee Appreciating Days, and Welcome Back Week and Student Orientations.

Agenda Item #6 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON TRAFFIC OPERATIONS RELATED PROJECTS

None.

Agenda Item #7 – STATUS OF THE MPO TRAFFIC OPERATION RELATED PROJECTS

Mr. Gogoi reported that the letter of Notice to Proceed for the Roundabout Study would be issued soon. He also reported that the sidewalks in the San Carlos Community under the TIGER Grant funded project was under way.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

None.

Agenda Item #9 – FDOT Report

None.

Agenda Item #10 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi reminded that the Southwest Florida Freight Summit would be held the following day at the Lee County Port Authority Training Facility.

Agenda Item #11 – Topics for next meeting

None.

Agenda Item #12 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.