

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, May 2, 2019
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Anglickis at 3:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

The roll was taken. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, James Dodge, Steve Henry, Ron Talone, Jim Wurster, Ty Symroski, Robert King, Kevin Berry, Moses Jackson, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included Michael Tisch and Bessie Reina with FDOT; Julie Farrell with Atkins; Elaine Romero with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; Sergeant James Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott read the LeeTran report given by LeeTran's Dawn Huff at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He said LeeTran was continuing to focus on its passenger amenities program. He also mentioned that LeeTran will present an update on operational changes at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said he is currently working with MPO staff on some agenda items with regards to the transportation plan. Chair Anglickis asked for an update on SR 82. Mr. Tisch said it was still under construction, but he would check on the expected completion date and report back.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the March 7, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Scott Gilbertson made the motion to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2019 Meeting. Mr. Jim Wurster seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Federal and State Funded Project Priorities

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the endorsement of the updated federal and state funded priorities. He reviewed the federal and state priority list that was attached to the agenda packet and has been updated to reflect the addition of follow-up design phase priorities for the projects funded for Project Development and Environment Study in the most recent FDOT work program. He noted the MPO staff has added a safety project that straddles the Lee and Collier County lines along Corkscrew Road. He said the project includes widening the lanes to 11' and adding 2' shoulders to help address the run off the road crashes. He mentioned Collier County had previously asked FDOT about safety funds but it does not meet the statewide criteria. Several committee members questioned the exact location of the Corkscrew project. Mr. Scott explained. Mr. Wurster asked about the funding amount for the Old 41 project in Lee and Collier. Mr. Scott said he didn't have an actual cost, but he did change the description to reflect the project involved adding lanes and reconstructing. Mr. Scott asked if there were additional questions or comments. Mr. Steve Henry commented on the Burnt Store Road project asking for suggestions on how to move it forward more quickly. Mr. Scott noted that Commissioner Hamman had also asked to move the project up. Mr. Scott said that extra funding would assist with this. Mr. Scott Gilbertson asked if the SR 31 bridge will be replaced with another bascule fixed or redone as a fixed span. Mr. Scott said the PD&E will examine all of the alternatives, noting there have been

issues with the functionality of bascule bridges. Mr. Tisch said the fixed span might also incur issues with the clearance and height required. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked for an explanation of the phase process. Mr. Scott explained and then noted this item required approval.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Federal and State Funded Project Priorities. Mr. Ron Talone seconded the motion.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked where this item fits in with revenues. Mr. Scott said in a five year period there is roughly \$100 million. He reminded the committee of the federal funds that over the next three years will go to the replacement of the Big Carlos Bridge. There was a brief discussion on funding. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Anglickis then introduced the newest committee member, Mr. James Dodge. Mr. Dodge said he has lived in Estero for the past eighteen years and is active in the community. He added that his specialty is smart growth.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of changes to the TDSP. He said annually, the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is reviewed and updated. He reviewed several of the changes below that were made for this minor update to the TDSP by Good Wheels, LeeTran and staff. The document may be viewed here: [TDSP](#)

Pg. 17-18: Updated LCB Certification Sheet from March 22, 2019 MPO Board Meeting.

Pg. 21: Updated LCB Roll Call sheet from the most current LCB Certification Sheet.

Pg. 27: Updated unemployment rates.

Pg. 32: Updated LeeTran's Ten-Year Transit Development Plan 2017-2026.

Pg. 39: Updated population figures.

Pg. 42: Update tables for passenger trips by purpose and funding source.

Pg. 51: Updated Good Wheels' needs assessment.

Pg. 64: Changes to LeeTran's general info.

Pg. 65: Updated LeeTran's paratransit numbers.

Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to approve the minor update to the TDSP. Mr. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Approve the Addition of two New Projects to the Candidate List of Projects for TA and SU Box Funds

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the approval of the addition of the following projects to the candidate list of projects for MPO allocated federal funds: A new pedestrian bridge on Richmond Avenue North in Lehigh Acres to replace the bridge damaged by Hurricane Irma, and Purchase of a VZ 400I 3D Laser Scanning System for the Cape Police Department. He explained the existing pedestrian bridge on Richmond Avenue North over the Able Canal was destroyed by Hurricane Irma in 2017. He continued that without the bridge, students walking and biking to Lehigh Elementary are forced into using the roadway thereby putting themselves in harm's way. He said the project also includes filling approximately 1900 ft of sidewalk gaps on roadways that provide direct access to the school. He showed a slide on the current condition and an aerial view of the site. He continued Lee County DOT has requested the MPO and FDOT to fund the project with the TA funds currently committed in FY 2024 to the Queens and Richmond Avenue SRTS project. He said this follows in the heels of a request by the county to withdraw the Queens Drive project from the FDOT Work Program because of drainage issues. If the project is programmed in FY 2024, the County will use local funds to advance the project phases to earlier years and seek reimbursement in FY 2024.

Mr. Gogoi said the second project involves a Cape Coral Police Department request for MPO funds to purchase a VZ-400i scanner for Forensics and Crash Scene Investigation. He explained the scanner and associated costs (extended warranty, training, software, etc.) is \$183,184. He added the LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) based scanning solution is expected to allow expeditious completion of on scene investigation tasks leading to faster crash site clearing and road reopening which will help reduce incident congestion and secondary crashes. He introduced Sergeant Lear with the Cape Coral Police Department (PD). Sergeant Lear said he was in charge of the Traffic Homicide Unit. He noted the Cape PD is currently using an inferior system that was purchased in 2008. He said the new equipment would help clear crashes faster thus lessening the economic impact and also help with compliance of performance measures. He said the unit could also be used by other local agencies. Mr. Symroski asked if the scanner picks up skid marks. Sergeant Lear replied yes, and it also provides a 360 degree view. Mr. Symroski asked if the technology is vetted and would hold up in court. Sergeant Lear replied yes and FHP in Orlando is currently using it. Mr. Scott added that is why the equipment is calibrated. Sergeant Lear said it includes a five year service plan. Mr. Gogoi mentioned that another MPO, Metroplan Orlando, partnered with a law enforcement agency to purchase and use the equipment. He said for MPO allocated funds to be considered for the two projects, they have to be among the priorities to be adopted by the MPO this summer, but they must first be added into the list of candidate projects for TA and SU Box Funds. He noted the addition of the Richmond Pedestrian Bridge to the candidate list was approved by the BPCC at its April 23rd meeting while the scanner purchase to the candidate list was approved by the TMOG at its April 10th meeting. Mr. James Dodge asked if this was the first trial stage of the process. Mr. Scott explained the MPO had started the discussion with FHP but they want something from a statewide perspective. Mr. Scott added that this is a way to make roads operate better based on incident management and clearing. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell made the motion to approve the addition of the two new projects to the candidate list. Mr. Derrick Donnell seconded the motion.

Ms. Carie Call suggested the scanner equipment purchase should be done with a grant. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked if this was just to add the items to the list. Chair Anglickis replied yes. Mr. Gogoi said the priorities will be brought back in June for further action. Chair Anglickis added that these projects will be ranked and then brought back for approval. Mr. Jim Wurster mentioned the project length for Bonita Grande was off. Mr. Gogoi said that he would correct the item. Mr. Symroski asked about the funding sources. Mr. Scott explained. Mr. Symroski said that some projects prevent accidents occurring in the first place. He asked if there could be a grant for this project. Mr. Scott noted this funding is a type of grant, that each of the jurisdictions apply for this funding. Mr. O'Donnell said that crashes are dangerous and disruptive and this equipment would pay for itself in lessening the time spent by first responders. Mr. Scott said there are delay costs associated with crashes. Mr. O'Donnell said this would be money wisely invested to minimize crash disruptions. He asked if it was GPS related. Sergeant Lear replied yes. Mr. O'Donnell then asked if it could provide the time of crash. Sergeant Lear replied yes. Mr. Scott Gilbertson asked for a clarification on the cost of the project. Mr. Gogoi explained the number in chart was a preliminary estimate and the actual cost was \$183,184. Chair Anglickis asked if Mr. Gogoi would revise the cost in the chart. Mr. Gogoi agreed. The committee briefly discussed the purchase of the scanner equipment. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote as there was a motion and a second on the floor.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

The list of congestion management candidate projects for TA and SU Box funds without any priority order was attached to the packet. A brochure on the VZ 300I 3D Scanner was also attached to the agenda packet.

Agenda Item #8 - Presentation and Discussion on the FDOT Planning Studio

Ms. Bessie Reina introduced this agenda item for the presentation and discussion on the FDOT Planning Studio. She said FDOT has formed a Planning Studio to lay the foundation for projects done in the District with a focus on integrating land use and transportation. She then showed a power point presentation that included information on purpose, goal, gathering data, reaching out to MPOs/municipalities/public, creation of corridor vision plans, pilot project on US 41 in Charlotte County, and the planning studio team. She asked if there were any questions. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the group's authorization to examine bike lanes. Ms. Reina noted their bike ped coordinator attends the local bike ped meetings. Mr. O'Donnell noted he does not agree with placing bike lanes on high speed roadways. He added that he attempted to have the bike lanes removed from SR 82. Mr. Scott mentioned the current scooter legislation that could allow scooters in the same places bicycles are allowed. Mr. O'Donnell said the DOT could do a better job with planning. Ms. Reina commented that they are examining best

practices and what is best for facility users. A brief discussion followed on bike lanes. Mr. Scott said he spoke with Mr. L. K Nandam about more off-road facilities versus on road. Mr. O'Donnell suggested making the current policies more flexible. Ms. Reina noted the current policies allow flexibility with context classification. Chair Anglickis suggested a new standard should be implemented. Mr. Tisch said that is what the planning studio is doing, taking input and presenting it to decision makers. He said it is possible the next round of projects will be different. Ms. Call brought up environmental concerns. Ms. Reina said she would make a note to address them. Chair Anglickis asked if there were other comments. Mr. Donnell asked the objective of this non-action item presentation. Chair Anglickis said his goal was to provide Ms. Reina's team with ideas.

The presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Planning-Studio-TAC-presentations-1.pptx>

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Draft FY 2019/202 through FY 2023/2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the draft FY 2019/2020 - FY 2023/2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He mentioned the link posted below for the Committees review prior to final approval that will occur at the June meeting. He also provided a brief overview of the TIP update that included adding sections on performance measures and transit asset management. He said this item would be back for approval next month.

<http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/T09a.TIP-Document-1.pdf>

Agenda Item #10 - Presentation and Discussion on Round-a-bout Features Studied for the Visually Impaired

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a follow up item to the discussion the CAC members had back in February regarding the navigation of round-a-bouts for visually impaired pedestrians (VIP). He showed a PowerPoint that included the benefits, comparative crash rates, pedestrian safety, crossing issues for VIPs, additional issues, methods studied to create safer crossings for VIPs, crosswalk placement, soundstrips/audible approach, signalized options, and advantages/disadvantages of treatments. There was a brief discussion on the alternatives. Mr. Kevin Berry said that most VIPs can find curbs. He added that the VIP community prefers signals. Mr. Scott continued with more information on the advantages and disadvantages of treatments as well as other issues. He asked if there were any additional questions or comments. He added that he will pull out FDOT standards for future discussion. Mr. Donnell asked what was the total number in the percent reduction in fatality slide. Mr. Scott said there was not an exact number provided. Mr. Tisch noted there are national studies with percentages. Chair Anglickis left the meeting at 4:52 p.m. and Vice-Chair O'Donnell took over.

Agenda Item #11 - +Review and Provide Input on the Proposed Lee and Collier TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the proposed Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities. He showed the table that was included in the agenda packet and reviewed some of the projects. Mr. Gilbertson asked what the limits of the Three Oaks project were. Mr. Scott said he will find out for next meeting. Mr. O'Donnell asked if this was originally in the FY 2019/2020. Mr. Scott said the projects match up where funded. Mr. O'Donnell asked if there was additional discussion. There was none.

Agenda Item #12 - +Review of the Draft LRTP Goals and Objectives

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) goals and objectives. He said the goals and objectives from the 2040 plan have been revised to account for new planning factors and rapidly developing transportation technology, and the new factors are below number nine. He said language was added to account for AV/Shared Use/Connected vehicles as well as resiliency. Mr. Symroski said he was in support of including resiliency due to hurricanes and sea level rise. He said he had written two objectives that he would like included that address both hurricanes and sea level rise. A discussion followed on the assumptions that policies are based on. Mr. Gilbertson mentioned the language referring to the study period. Mr. Scott said it could be changed to reflect an actual year. Mr. Gilbertson questioned objective five asking if non-auto items would go to the top of the list. Mr. Scott said it is like that right now where those projects come off the top, but he will work on the wording. Mr. Donnell asked what this item

was trying to accomplish and how Mr. Symroski's comments factor in. Mr. Scott said that Mr. Symroski will send his comments in an email for Mr. Scott to review, noting the final decision rests with the MPO Board. He added that this will come back at a future meeting.

Agenda Item #13 - Selection of a Primary and Alternate CAC Representative to the Traffic Management and Operations Committee

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the selection of a primary and alternate CAC representative to the Traffic Management and Operations Committee (TMOC). He said based on the CAC input at its March 7th meeting, on the amendment to the TMOC Bylaws, staff added the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District and a CAC representative to the TMOC membership. He noted the bylaws amendments were endorsed by the MPO Board at its March 22nd meeting. He said the TMOC meetings are held every even month on the second Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Collaboratory. He noted that Mr. Krise and Ms. Call are the current primary and alternate CAC representatives to the BPCC and asked if Ms. Call would like to continue. Ms. Call replied yes, but she needed better communication to alert her when Mr. Krise cannot attend. Mr. Gogoi agreed. He then asked the CAC to select a representative from the membership to serve on the TMOC.

Mr. TY Symroski nominated Chair Anglickis to represent the CAC at the TMOC meetings. Mr. Scott Gilbertson seconded the nomination. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gogoi also mentioned he will be bringing the SUN Trail item back for action at the next meeting. He mentioned Kismet and JYLP and showed a slide on the 2019 Lee MPO SUN Trail Fund Priorities. He again noted this will come back at the next meeting. A discussion followed on bike lanes, congestion, and facility design. Mr. Donnell asked the criteria used to determine placement on the list. Mr. Gogoi said there is no set criteria for SUN Trail funds, and he has been using criteria from other priority lists. Mr. Tisch mentioned the CSX fee to Seminole Gulf and suggested the consultant should meet with CSX. Mr. Scott said the jurisdictions are having conversations with Seminole Gulf. Mr. Tisch suggested the conversations need to be with CSX.

Other Business

Agenda Item #14 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #15 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #16 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for next meeting.

Agenda Item #17 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative update. Mr. Scott mentioned session would be over on Saturday and the AV, micromobility, corridor, and wireless items had passed. There was a brief discussion on 6011 and 6003. Mr. Scott said 6011 was still moving forward. Mr. Gogoi noted that 6003 had been withdrawn. Mr. Tisch said that according to the Roadwatch report sent out by FDOT, SR 82 was still on schedule for completion this summer. Mr. Scott said the Roadwatch report could also be included in future agenda packets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. *Action Items *May Require Action

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