

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, March 7, 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 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was taken. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Ron Talone, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Robert King, Kevin Berry, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included a member of the public John Majka; Michael Tisch with FDOT; the Able Canal PD&E project team of Lauren Peters, Steven Andrews, Kristin Caruso, and Chris Coughlin; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

Chair Anglickis noted the changes to the agenda which included moving the Able Canal presentation up and adding a walk-on item.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT said that he had nothing to report.

Agenda Item #8 - Presentation on the Able Canal PD&E Project

Ms. Laruen Peters with FDOT introduced the other Able Canal PD&E project team of Steven Andrews, Kristin Caruso, and Chris Coughlin. Ms. Peters then presented a Power Point slide show that included information on the project limits, purpose and need, planning consistency, pathway details, build alternatives, evaluation matrix, public involvement, study schedule, and contact information. The full Power Point presentation can be found here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/3-7-19_TAC-CAC-presentation_r3.pdf She asked if there were any questions. Mr. Ron Talone asked the reasons given by those opposed. Ms. Kristin Caruso said the reasons given by those opposed included cost, lack of use, and heat. Ms. Carie Call questioned the connectivity of the pathway to existing parks in Lehigh. Ms. Peters named several parks that would be connected to the Able Canal pathway including Harns Marsh and Lehigh Community Park. She noted there was a more detailed map on the website. Ms. Marion Briggs asked where to go for additional information. Ms. Peters gave the website address: www.swfroads.com/ablecanalpathway Mr. Andrews asked if a copy of the presentation could be given to the committee. Mr. Gogoi said he could have it emailed out. Ms. Peters thanked the committee.

New Business

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

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the minutes for the February 7, 2019 Meeting. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott read the LeeTran report given by LeeTran's Levi McCollum at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He said LeeTran was beginning to focus on its passenger amenities program which included improvements to landing pads and shelters.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020 Unified Planning Work Program to Revise Task Descriptions, Adjust Funding Levels and to Update Certification and Assurances

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and approve amendments to the FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to revise task descriptions, adjust funding levels and update the certification and assurances. Mr. Scott noted there were math errors that were pointed out and corrected. He reviewed the descriptions of the proposed changes including:

- Add a task in FY 2018/2019 to reflect the bicycle and pedestrian safety outreach activities related to upcoming projects.
- Add a task in FY 2019/2020 to include the \$125,000 in SU funds that will be used for the update of the City of Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan.
- Adjust funding to collect performance data for TIGER as it is not yet closed out.

The proposed changes to the task descriptions and budget sheets were attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slides at the meeting, with the additions shown in underline (added) and strike through (removed) format. Mr. Scott asked for any comments. Mr. Ty Symroski questioned the removal of the Origin and Destination analysis. Mr. Scott said this was due to its inclusion in FDOT's I-75 study. Mr. Symroski asked if the data will be cell phone data. Mr. Scott replied that he had looked at using the firm Streetlight, but he is not sure who FDOT is using. He noted the last collection of data was done in 2000, and the new study will be more comprehensive. Mr. Ed Blot asked about the reasoning for reduction of funds in certain categories. Mr. Scott explained the process. Mr. Blot asked if the Evacuation Study was not going to be done. Mr. Scott said FDOT had funded it the year after next, and he is working with Cape Coral to scope it out. Mr. Blot asked if there were any comments on that from the TAC. Mr. Scott said no. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked about the socio-economic data funding increase. Mr. Scott said it was to maintain consistency by using the same firm that had already provided data for Cape Coral. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

Mr. Ed Blot made the motion to approve the Amendments to the FY 2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020 UPWP. Mr. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Approval of the TMOC Bylaws Amendments

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of amendments to the Traffic Management and Operations Committee (TMOC) bylaws to revise the responsibilities of the Committee and the membership. The changes were attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Gogoi explained the TMOC is an advisory committee to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). He said its bylaws were recently amended at its February 13th meeting. He added for the amendments to be effective, they have to be approved by a majority vote of the TAC and CAC, and ratified by the MPO Board. He said the bylaws are being amended to revise the Committee's responsibilities to match better their current duties, add the Village of Estero as a member, change FDOT from a voting to a non-voting member, and remove the need for the CAC to approve bylaw changes. Chair Anglickis expressed concern that Lehigh was not being adequately represented. Mr. Gogoi suggested reaching out to Mr. Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District to be a member of the TMOC. There was a brief discussion on other ways to remedy the lack of representation for Lehigh and the impact of removing the CAC from the TMOC bylaw amendment process. Chair

Anglickis suggested leaving the wording in so that the CAC retains the role of approving bylaws amendments for the TMOC. He also tasked Mr. Gogoi with ensuring Lehigh was represented on the TMOC.

Mr. Ron Talone made the motion to approve the TMOC Bylaws Amendments with the exception of removing the strike through “and CAC” on page five, Section 8, subsection B in order to preserve the CAC’s role in the bylaw amendment process for the TMOC. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Recommendation to the MPO Board on the SR 80 Sidewalk Project from Shoreland Drive to Buckingham Road

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to discuss the programmed sidewalk project on the north side of SR 80 from Shoreland Drive to Buckingham Road and make a recommendation to the MPO Board. He said at its December 14th meeting, the Lee MPO Board had a lengthy conversation about the SR 80 sidewalk project following the public comments that raised issues with the impact to the driveway access to the business. He continued the MPO Board approved a vote to have staff bring back bicycle/pedestrian project alternatives that the SR 80 project funding could be spent on, if the Board decides to ask FDOT not to proceed with the project. He added one of the questions we did not know at the MPO Board meeting, when this was discussed, was how much of the funding would come back to the MPO for use on another project (as the project was delayed due to being changed from a shared use path to a sidewalk, the project was not currently included in the FDOT tentative work program that was reviewed at the meeting and we did not know the funding sources). He said since that meeting, FDOT has added the project to the latest version of the Tentative Work Program that was sent out in January, and it is programmed for construction in FY 2021. He added they have also informed us that if the project is removed from the work program, only \$222,929 will come back to Lee County as this is the only funding that is apportioned to our urban area (the rest is state funding and federal funding that can be spent in any area). He reviewed the funding table from the tentative work program for the project:

FPN: 4298231 Project/Location: SR 80 FROM SHORELAND DRIVE TO CR 80 (BUCKINGHAM RD)
 Desc: SIDEWALK
 Project Length: 6.781 Begin Mile Post: 6.080 End Mile Post: 10.555
 Comments:

Phase	Fund	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
CST	DDR	\$0	\$889,749	\$0	\$0	\$0
CST	SA	\$0	\$564,149	\$0	\$0	\$0
CST	SU	\$0	\$222,929	\$0	\$0	\$0
CST	TALT	\$0	\$1,011,505	\$0	\$0	\$0
Project Total:		\$0	\$2,688,332	\$0	\$0	\$0

He said the potential projects that would be considered, if FDOT is asked to move the funds, were listed in Attachment A (our current prioritized list that has been through FDOT constructability analysis consistent with their requirements). He noted based on the \$222,929 in available funds and the projects that are ready for funding in FY 21, the design of one of the unfunded priorities is the only option to provide as a recommendation to the MPO Board (all for the construction costs are much greater than the available funding or have not been designed where they could be constructed in FY 2021). He said the top three projects for consideration are W. Terry, Bonita Drive, and SW Santa Barbara. He noted the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee and the TAC recommended continuing with the SR 80 project as planned. Mr. Scott mentioned that the project cost differences between the north and south sides had been questioned. Mr. Scott then reviewed the cost per mile differences between the north

and south sides and the history of the project cost changes. Mr. Scott added that project costs increase and there are differences in costs between asphalt and concrete. He also noted that the project has not been re-costed to reflect the change from pathway to sidewalk. Mr. Gogoi reiterated that the project costs change every year. There was a brief discussion on the role of the committee, the request from the MPO Board, and the planned SR 80 sidewalk projects.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to continue with the SR 80 project as planned. Mr. Jim Wurster seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Walk-On Agenda Item – *Amendments to the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the FTA 5310 Operations and Capital Grant Funded Projects

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the amendments to the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program to add the FTA 5310 Operations and Capital Grant funded projects. Mr. Scott handed out the walk-on agenda item. He said the grant funding includes projects for Hope Hospice, Lighthouse of Southwest Florida, Dr. Piper Center, and Good Wheels. He referred to the Transportation Improvement Program pages that had been attached to the walk-on agenda item handout and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Wurster asked why this was not included in the packet. Mr. Scott said the email was received after the packet was sent out. Mr. Talone suggested correcting the “operating assistance” typographical error at the top of the first three pages.

Ms. Carie Call moved the staff recommendation to amend the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program to include the FTA 5310 Operations and Capital Grant funded projects. Mr. Derrick Donnell seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Overview of the Transportation Related Legislative Issues

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the transportation related legislative issues. He said the Florida Legislative Session began on March 5th. He reviewed the short descriptions of some of the transportation related legislation that are being proposed including HB 453/Micromobility devices and motorized scooters, HB 311/Autonomous Vehicles, SB 78/Public financing and construction projects, HB 681/Florida Transportation Commission, and SB 7068/Infrastructure and security. He also reviewed additional items including regional transportation disadvantaged, traffic offenses, wireless communication, impact fees, child restraint requirements, and communication services. There were brief discussions on raising the Federal gas tax, use of autonomous vehicles on private roads, criminal penalties for vulnerable users, the corridor map for proposed toll facilities, and legislation proposed by our area representatives.

Agenda Item #10 - Update on the Long Range Plan Development Activities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the Long Range Plan development activities. He said the base year data had been sent to FDOT. He added the validation will be done through the end of October. He reviewed the remainder of the schedule and upcoming tasks for the development of the Regional Model. He said the drafts of the objectives and goals as well as the element scopes will be brought to the next meeting in May. Mr. Scott said as part of the Long Range process, safety projects can be moved forward. Mr. Scott mentioned Commissioner Hamman’s request to move Burnt Store Road up. The committee also discussed the SR 82 project that was moved up.

Agenda Item #11 - Update on Public Outreach of the Two Stage Left Turn Bicycle Boxes

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item as an update on the public outreach for the two stage left turn bicycle boxes. He said the resurfacing of Daniels Parkway from I-75 to Treeline Avenue is anticipated

to commence in March 2019 and finish in September 2019. He added as part of this project, that is a partnership with FDOT, the MPO, and Lee County, two stage left turn bicycle boxes will be placed at the four approaches to the intersection to facilitate left turn movements for cyclists. He said staff is in communication with a public involvement consultant, Quest USA, to develop a flyer to notify and educate the motoring public and the cycling community about this new bicycle treatment in Lee County, and how to navigate them. He said the flyers will be circulated several months prior to the implementation of the bike boxes. He noted a copy of the public outreach scope for the flyer was attached to the agenda packet. He added a second part of the scope is the development of a public outreach video that will be developed after the bike boxes are in operation. He said the videos will be run in the fall. Chair Anglickis asked if there are other intersections where this has been implemented. Mr. Gogoi said this is the first of its kind in the state of Florida. The committee had brief discussions on how the bike boxes will work, how they will be received, how to navigate the bike boxes, evaluation of the bicycle boxes, and timing of the educational handout circulation.

Mr. Gogoi mentioned a new project that was submitted to FDOT at the request of the City of Bonita Springs for a shared use pathway on US 41 from Bonita Beach Road to Pelican Bay Boulevard. He also gave the committee updates on additional MPO projects including the update to the Sanibel Shared Use Path Master Plan and the Village of Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. Mr. Gogoi noted that Mr. Symroski was a member of the Project Advisory Committee for the update of the Sanibel Shared Use Master Plan and Mr. Robert King was a member of the Project Advisory Committee for the Village of Estero.

Other Business

Agenda Item #12 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

After a brief delay due to technical difficulties, Mr. John Majka gave a presentation on his new proposal for driveway improvements to his businesses on SR 80.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott noted there would be no meeting in April and the next meeting would be in May. Topics for next meeting included roundabouts and studies that have looked at features for the visually impaired, draft TIP, priorities, and LRTP goals and objectives.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the latest version of the MPAOC Legislative Highlights and the walk-on agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:58 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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