

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on May 2, 2013

The following members were present for the regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee on May 2, 2013 at the City of Cape Coral Annex/Public Works Building, 815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL.

Matt Noble	Lee County Community Development
Andy Getch	Lee County Department of Transportation
Carmen Monroy	LeeTran
Dawn Huff	Lee County School Board
Persides Zambrano	City of Cape Coral Public Works
Kitty Sayers	Cape Coral Mini Bus Service
Ben Bullert	City of Fort Myers Engineering
Walter Fluegel	Town of Fort Myers Beach
Ben Pople	City of Sanibel
John Gucciardo	City of Bonita Springs Public Works
Margaret Wuerstle	Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council
Gary Harrell	Charlotte County Punta Gorda MPO

Those also in attendance included: Russ Muller and Lawrence Massey with FDOT; Ned Baier with Jacobs Engineering; Darla Letourneau with BikeWalkLee; Don Scott, Meghan Marion, Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo of the Lee County MPO.

Chairperson Zambrano called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Ms. Marion called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the April 4, 2013 TAC Meeting

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 4, 2013 TAC MEETING. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE.

Chairperson Zambrano mentioned that Mr. Kazemi's motion on pg. 6 died for lack of a second. She requested to check the audio of the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item #3 – Review and Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. This item was in the agenda last time; LeeTran requested additional time to review the plan. This item was approved by the CAC last month. All of the issues and comments were addressed with LeeTran.

Mr. Raimondo said that he spoke with LeeTran and made the necessary changes.

Ms. Monroy said that LeeTran is satisfied and would like to move the item forward.

MOTION BY MS. MONROY TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED SERVICE PLAN. SECONDED BY MS. HUFF.

Chairperson Zambrano asked if this item will have the maps included in it before it goes in front of the MPO Board for approval. Mr. Raimondo answered yes. Chairperson Zambrano suggested that the MPO Board see the final draft.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #4 – Review and Approval of the Amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. These are the proposed amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan based on recent project funding and status changes identified in FDOT's Tentative Work Program, Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) projects and to match recent amendments made by the Collier MPO on Old US 41.

Chairperson Zambrano said that it is worth noting that this is being amended due to new projects being added.

Chairperson Zambrano inquired why the San Carlos Trolley Lane Study is only \$1.2 million. Mr. Scott answered that it is not buying Right-of-Way but reconfiguring what is already out there. He noted that this is based on the previous 4 different alternatives.

Ms. Monroy added that the alternatives' analysis that comes at the beginning of the San Carlos Trolley Lane Study will have robust public involvement and stakeholder engagement. The alternative will be selected through this process.

Chairperson Zambrano asked how the Town of Fort Myers Beach feels about this selection process. Mr. Fluegel answered that Fort Myers Beach has been supportive of the study up to this point.

Chairperson Zambrano said that public involvement will be huge on this. Ms. Monroy responded by saying that the MPO is a lead on this project and a grant application has been submitted to identify some of the stakeholders.

MOTION BY MR. GETCH TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN. SECONDED BY MR. NOBLE.

Ms. Huff asked if the project numbers are actual rankings. Mr. Scott answered no.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5 – Review and Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Mr. Gogoi asked about the sidewalk project on SW 20th Ave scheduled for the year 2019. Chairperson Zambrano clarified that it is scheduled for 2017.

MOTION BY MR. POPLER TO APPROVE THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. SECONDED BY MR. FLUEGEL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #6 – Review and Approval of the Amendments to the Unified Planning Work Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. Mr. Scott said he added some more specific project descriptions.

MOTION BY MS. HUFF TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PLAN. SECONDED BY MS. MONROY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #7 – Review and Comment on the Draft SIS Cost Feasible Plan

Mr. Scott presented this item. He said that Mr. Massey from FDOT is here to answer any questions. Mr. Scott said that the comments are due at the end of May.

Mr. Scott also said that the joint TAC/CAC meeting last month focused on a discussion of SR 82. SR 82 is funded through construction in the cost feasible plan out to SR 29 in Collier County.

Mr. Scott said that some of the questions staff has included are:

- Where are the transit multimodal SIS projects?
- Should there be a project buying the ultimate Right-of-Way for whatever happens in the configuration of the interstate?
- What happened to the boxes for the CMS/SIS projects?

Mr. Scott also questioned where some of the funding is going. I-4 projects are worth \$1.4 billion but the design is only \$10 million which seems kind of low. Mr. Massey answered that those are design build projects, and the \$10 million is preliminary in preparation for the design build.

Mr. Scott asked if special use is a toll lane. Mr. Massey responded that the special use is a managed lane concept. Mr. Scott then inquired if the money that comes out of those will be used for SIS projects. Mr. Massey answered those will become public private partnership projects. He said that the cost feasible plan will have a minor update on an annual update, and when those projects come around they will be reflected in that update.

Chairperson Zambrano asked where the Del Prado Interchange is on this list. Mr. Gogoi said that it is in the 2040 needs plan. It did not make the cost feasible plan. Chairperson Zambrano said the interchange could make it for the initial study in the justification report. Mr. Massey said that it is possible, and this could be one of the comments made for the SIS cost feasible plan.

Chairperson Zambrano also brought attention to how this was supposed be more intermodal focused, and it looks mostly highway focused instead. Mr. Massey said that this would be an excellent comment as well. Mr. Massey also said that it is interesting that the needs plan was multimodal, but the cost feasible plan is not.

Mr. Getch said he sat in on the corridor webinar by FDOT which was about rail and transit use and the rights-of-way as well as highway for the SIS.

Mr. Gogoi said that new corridors are a long way to go. The concept is being looked at, and it is a 4 step process. Implementation is 30 years into the future.

Chairperson Zambrano said to keep in mind that this is for the long range plan 2020-2040. Mr. Scott said that there are no main-line improvements for the local area besides what is being finished in Sarasota and Charlotte County. Staff is waiting to see what will happen with the managed lanes and how they will be modeled.

Mr. Gogoi asked about the opportunity that FDOT might be moving the SR 82 from Lee Blvd to Shawnee Rd project forward in the 2017/2018 phase. Mr. Massey said he hopes it is in the next cycle.

Mr. Harrell said that there is a big development at Del Prado interchange that is also in the Charlotte County Punta Gorda MPO LRTP.

Agenda Item #8 – Review and Comment on the Draft Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2013/2014 through FY 2017/2018

Mr. Scott presented this item.

Mr. Getch said that the US 41 safety project is still reflected in this year's money. Mr. Scott responded that it is actually 2013/2014.

Mr. Fluegel asked about the Park and Ride Facility on pg. V-15 and whether it will be integrated into the preliminary master concept plan, as the area is going through CPD rezoning for Wal-Mart. Ms. Monroy said that LeeTran is looking to acquire land for a project in the vicinity and made note of that as well.

Agenda Item #9 – Provide Input on the Proposed Draft Priority List

Mr. Scott presented this item. He said that Fowler Ave - #6 is in there as a PE, but the next phase might be something different depending on what happens with the project.

Chairperson Zambrano asked why the Metro Pkwy project (#9) got funded as it is expensive and further down on the list. Mr. Scott answered that the design got funded but nothing else, at this point.

Chairperson Zambrano asked how far on the list are we going to get. Mr. Scott responded that it depends and went into more detail. Mr. Scott also said that the fair share is down a little bit so money is being saved (about \$8 million-\$10million). The list could go further.

Chairperson Zambrano asked when the priorities will be presented again. Mr. Scott said in June.

Chairperson said that the phase II – Incident Management Plan for Bridges should be a priority. Mr. Scott said that there were some issues with phase I.

Other Business

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Letourneau announced two events: The FDOT Safety Lee kickoff is on Thursday May 9, and the Biking Audit on Tour de Parks is May 18.

Mr. Gogoi said that FHWA is objecting to some areas that have been included in the urban classification maps. FHWA has also complained about the Lee MPO providing input to the Bonita area when it is part of the Naples/Bonita urbanized area. Mr. Gogoi said he is putting a functional classification subcommittee meeting together to discuss some of these issues on May 22nd at 2 p.m.

Ms. Huff said the Lee School Board is auctioning off two buildings. She is looking for a place (around 3,000 sq ft) for the Police Athletic League.

Agenda Item #11 – LeeTran Report

None.

Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report

Mr. Muller provided the report. He said that the pedestrian safety refuge islands project from last month has been tabled. Mr. Scott clarified that the MPO Board said to go forward with the project but to work with the City of Fort Myers to try and get them all together. Then, FDOT decided to delay it for 1 year to match up the projects. Ms. Huff asked if they will lose money due to the delay. Mr. Muller said they might.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #14 – Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott said that priorities will be discussed and the final Transportation Improvement Program.

Agenda Item #15 – Information and Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.