

# MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on February 13, 2013

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on February 13, 2013 at the Cape Coral City Hall, 1015 Cultural Parkway Boulevard, Cape Coral, Florida.

In the absence of Chair Steve Jansen and Vice-Chair Jay Anderson, committee member Josh Overmyer chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. Mr. Gogoi conducted the roll call.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Fort Myers	Marinko Gnjidic
Lee County DOT	Greg Coggins
LeeTran	Wayne Gaither
BPCC	Dan Moser
Town of Fort Myers Beach	Josh Overmyer

Those also in attendance included: Don Cashdollar with FDOT; Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo and Don Scott with Lee County MPO; and Christina Diaz with Southwest Florida Commuter Services.

The committee met as a Committee of the Whole and moved forward with the agenda due to the lack of a quorum being present. Mr. Gogoi explained that all actions recommended by the Committee would go before the full committee for approval at the next TMOC meeting on April 10, 2013.

### **Agenda Item #8 – Update on the Commuter Services Activities in Lee County**

The Committee of the Whole recommended moving this item to be the first item for discussion. Ms. Christine Diaz provided an update on the SW Florida Commuter Services Program. She reported there were internal staffing changes within FDOT which affected the structure of the Program. Richard Shine is the new Project Manager. She also reported that the Program has 18,000 people in the commuter service database, with 32 partners in Lee County and 170 district-wide. She has been working with Arthrex Inc. to set up a van pool program that would facilitate employee commute from Naples to Fort Myers and back. FDOT is taking \$400 out of the commuter services program towards every van they have to offset some of the initial costs. She also reported about the transit universal program that was implemented in 5 colleges in Polk County which has been a huge success. The Polk State College ridership went up from 2,000 to 10,000. The program is funded out of student fees and allows students, faculty and staff unlimited universal access. LegoLand in Lakeland also has implemented this program. She mentioned that FDOT is scheduling a Districtwide Roundtable Summit to promote this program.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the August 8, 2012 TMOC Meeting**

**MR. MOSER MOVED AND MR. COGGINS SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 8, 2012 TMOC MEETING.**

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

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item #3 – Election of Officers**

The Committee of the Whole recommended that this item be tabled to the next TMOC meeting.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Presentation of the Draft Scope for a Bus Queue Jump Study**

Mr. Gogoi provided a presentation on the scope of services for a bus queue jump study. He explained how the transit queue jumps work and how they will benefit LeeTran. He reported that the scope had already been presented to the TAC and CAC, and all input was being incorporated into a final scope. Discussion ensued on the queue jump pilot project that was being implemented by FDOT and Broward County at the intersection of State Road 7 and Prospect Road in North Lauderdale.

### **Agenda Item #5 – Discussion on the Lee County DOT List of Potential Congestion Management Projects for MPO Funding**

Mr. Coggins explained each line item in the list.

### **Agenda Item #6 – Discussion on the Next Steps for Roundabout Implementation by the MPO**

Mr. Scott mentioned that he had discussed with Mr. Limbaugh from FDOT about the various options of doing feasibility studies for roundabouts identified in the MPO list, and that the MPO could use either Multimodal Box funds or District one allocated STP and State funds for doing so. Discussion ensued on a roundabout at the intersection of San Carlos Boulevard and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Moser felt that the County could swap county owned properties to provide any additional right of way that may be required to build a roundabout there but there may not be any political will. Mr. Overmyer mentioned that the Town has hired a consultant to study various traffic circulation options for that location and the immediate surrounding properties including the Hummer Plaza, the Seafarers Plaza, and Ocean Jewels.

**Agenda Item #7 – Discussion on the MPO Congestion Survey**

Mr. Gogoi explained that the MPO would be conducting its annual congestion reporting survey at the end of March. He presented a copy of last year's survey with proposed changes and asked for committee input. There was suggestion that the question on reporting of sidewalks with inadequate widths should be more specific by also calling out for the limits.

**Agenda Item #9 – Presentation on the CMP Phase II Analysis Scope**

Mr. Gogoi mentioned that the committee members present were already aware of this scope as members of other committees. The committee felt there was no need for a discussion on this item.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item #10 – Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Mr. Moser announced that the Lee County MPO has been awarded the Support Agency of the Year for 2012 by the Florida Bicycle Association, and said the award will be presented at a meeting of the MPO's choice.

**Agenda Item #11 – LeeTran Report**

None.

**Agenda Item #12 – FDOT Report**

None.

**Agenda Item #13 – Announcements**

None.

**Agenda Item #14 – Topics for next meeting**

None.

**Agenda Item #15 – Information & Distribution Items**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.