

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Held on August 13, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Traffic Management and Operations Committee was held on June 11, 2014 at the Cape Coral City Hall, Room No 220A, Cape Coral, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anna Bielawska	LeeTran
Benjamin Abes	Lee County EMS
Sgt. Dominic Konieczki	LCSSO
Jay Anderson	CTST
Lt. Jay Rodriguez	Fort Myers PD
Marinko Gnjidic	City of Fort Myers
Masood Mirza	City of Cape Coral
Steve Jansen	Lee County DOT
Dan Moser	BPCC
Josh Overmyer	Town of Fort Myers Beach

Those also in attendance included: Ron Gogoi and Brian Raimondo with Lee County MPO; Jason Reck and Rickey Caines with FDOT; and Alicia Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes from the June 11, 2014 TMOC Meeting

MR. OVERMYER MOVED AND MR. ANDERSON SECONDED TO RECOMMEND APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2014 TMOC MEETING. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #2 – APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE ROUNDABOUT FEASIBILITY STUDY SCOPE

Mr. Gogoi reported that the first draft of the scope of services for the Lee County roundabout feasibility analysis study had been revised to incorporate the requested changes from all the MPO advisory committees. He explained all the changes in the final draft and asked the committee to approve the changes.

MOTION BY MR. MOSER TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE ROUNDABOUT FEASIBILITY SCOPE. SECONDED BY Mr. ANDERSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3 – PRESENTATION ON MCGREGOR/A&W BULB ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Justin Reck with FDOT presented the proposed improvements at the intersection of McGregor Boulevard and A&W Bulb Road and asked for input from the committee. The improvements include a right in from McGregor Boulevard to A&W Bulb Road, a right out from A&W Bulb Road to McGregor Boulevard and an eastbound directional left from McGregor Boulevard to southbound A&W Bulb Road. The posted speed limit on McGregor south of Cypress Lake Drive would be reduced to 45 mph. that would create gaps for northbound motorists to make a U turn at Deep Lagoon Lane. Mr. Ben Abes voiced concerns that the improvements would make it difficult for EMS vehicles on McGregor Boulevard to navigate the intersection to get to the All Children’s Hospital. There was also concern that trucks with boat trailers exiting the Marina to head northbound will now have to make a right turn and then do a U turn at Placid Drive, and that there was not enough pavement at this location to allow the vehicles to do a U turn safely. Mr. Reck stated that FDOT would work with Mr. Ames to resolve the EMS concerns.

Agenda Item #4 – REVIEW OF THE 2014 CONGESTION MONITORING REPORT

Mr. Gogoi presented the preliminary 2014 Congestion Monitoring Report. The Report would be finalized and brought back before the committee in October for approval. He asked for comments on the map and the table of congested corridors by local government jurisdictions. Members asked for a better definition of congestion, and felt that some of the segments shown in the map had congestion only during peak hours, and that some did not have any congestion.

Agenda Item #5 – PRESENTATION OF MPO BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Raimondo reported that Bicycle Pedestrian Safety RSAs were conducted at four intersections by the Lee MPO in partnership with FDOT, The intersections included SR 78 and Santa Barbara Boulevard, Palm Beach Blvd and Marsh Avenue, US 41 and Six Mile Cypress Parkway, and Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway. A preliminary draft of the RSA report had been compiled and FDOT was working on a final draft after input from the participating agencies. He went on to explain the findings and recommendations at each of these intersections.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item #6 –UPDATE ON COMMUTER SERVICES ACTIVITY IN LEE COUNTY

Ms. Christine Diaz with the FDOT District One Commuter Assistance Service Program provided an update on the commuter service activities in Lee County. She reported that one of the Commuter Services partner, South Seas Island, received the Platinum Level Partner status. South Seas Island offers innovative commuter benefits, had incorporated alternative transportation modes into Green Team/Sustainability efforts, and significantly reduced the number of drive-alone commuters. She also reported that during the National Best Workplaces for Commuters (BWC) Race to Excellence Virtual Awards Ceremony, Commuter Services was awarded the “Gold Supporting Agency” and and the

“Best of Supporting Agency Award.” South Seas Island Resort was awarded the National “Gold Employer Award.”

Agenda Item # 7 – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON TRAFFIC OPERATIONS RELATED PROJECTS

None.

Agenda Item # 8 – STATUS OF MPO TRAFFIC OPERATION RELATED PROJECTS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Agenda Item #9 – Public and Member Comments on Items not on the Agenda

None.

Agenda Item #10 – Local Government Reports

Mr. Gnjidic stated that he appreciated the efforts of FDOT to conduct the RSA on the US 41 corridor from Winkler to Victoria but was disappointed that the report had not been published yet. He would have liked to review the report and provide comments.

Mr. Jansen provided a status of the Lee County ATMS project and reported that the project was anticipated to be completed in the next 3 month. He also reported on a signal timing project on Del Prado Boulevard.

Agenda Item #11 – FDOT Report

None.

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

None.

Agenda Item #13 – Topics for next meeting

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Agenda Item #14 – Information & Distribution Items

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.