

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, April 6, 2017

City of Cape Coral Public Works Building

815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990

3:00 p.m.



Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order by Rick Anglickis, Chair, at 3:03 p.m.

The roll was called and there was a quorum. There are 26 authorized members and 21 current members. There are 11 members needed for a quorum. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Bill Johnson Jr., Rick Anglickis, Patty Whitehead, Phillip Boller, Sam Fisher, Edward Blot, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Robert King, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included D’Juan Harris and Steve Walls with FDOT; Wayne Gaither and Levi McCollum with LeeTran; Kayleen Mueller and Akram Hussein with American Consulting; 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 as no members of the public were present.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He said that there were 306,000 passenger trips for February 2017 and that was a 4.6% decrease from the same period last year. He feels this could be due to February 2016 containing an extra day for leap year. Wayne Gaither with LeeTran handed out a LeeTran Shelter Program map. There was a brief discussion on the map. Robert King asked for a bus pullout map. Mr. Gaither said he will send it to the MPO to email to the committee.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

D’Juan Harris with FDOT had nothing to report. He introduced Steve Walls, the FDOT Southwest Area Office director.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the March 2, 2017 Meeting Summary

Carie Call made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the March 2, 2017 Meeting Summary. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Scott introduced this agenda item for the review and approval of the staff proposed priority list for Federal and State funds that was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott explained that the federal and state priority list, attached to the agenda packet, is the same priority list and order that was approved last year as we did not receive funding below the top two set aside items (the funding set aside for the Traffic Operations Center, the Bicycle/Pedestrian project priorities, the bus replacement funding and the Congestion Management priorities). The description of the I-75/Corkscrew Road Interchange was revised to match the recently discussed interim Interchange improvements, instead of the design phase for the ultimate interchange improvements.

Phillip Boller made the motion to approve this agenda item. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Presentation on the I-75/Colonial Boulevard Interchange Modification Project

D’Juan Harris with FDOT introduced this non-action agenda item. The FDOT Work Program includes a project that calls for the modification of the Colonial Boulevard Interchange. The design phase is currently underway and the construction and right-of-way acquisition phases are funded in FY 2019/2020. He explained the design calls for a Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) at the I-75/Colonial interchange, a Continuous Flow Intersection (CFI) at the Colonial and Six Mile Cypress Parkway Intersection and a Super Street at the intersection of Colonial Boulevard and Forum Boulevard to meet existing and future travel demand in the corridor. He then introduced Kayleen Mueller and Akram Hussein with American Consulting to provide a presentation on the I-75/Colonial Interchange Modification Project. He again introduced Steve Walls, SWAO Director.

Ms. Mueller began her power point slide presentation with a description of the project limits. She said the purpose of this presentation is to brief the committee before the public hearing. She continued by discussing the existing conditions. She said the project need is based on existing and projected traffic. She explained the proposed improvements consist of a CFI, a DDI, and a Super Street. She further explained each of these improvements. She commented that the right of way acquisition will involve 1.84 acres. She added the construction cost is \$45 million and that does not include right of way acquisition. She said the design is currently under way, right of way is set to begin in 2017, and the project will commence in 2019. She concluded her presentation by informing the committee that Justin Reck and Zachary Burch are the FDOT contacts for this project.

Mr. Talone asked if three successive and different intersections would be confusing. Ms. Mueller stated there will be ample marking and signage. Mr. Walls asked Ms. Mueller to explain the similar University project in Sarasota. Ms. Mueller said there were public meetings. Mr. Walls said these meetings included showing the actual signs that will be used. Mr. Harris said they are currently working on project animation.

Ms. Pierce asked what the speed is. Ms. Mueller said it is 45 m.p.h.

Mr. Blot asked if this is continuous coming out of the Forum. Mr. Hussein explained the turning movements are low and they will be staged in phases to reduce the delay time at the intersection. A brief discussion followed about the turning movements at that intersection.

Ms. Whitehead asked how much wider the road is approaching Colonial. Ms. Mueller said there are eight to nine lanes and turn lines but it all fits in the existing right of way except for the stretch west of Ortiz.

Mr. Scott asked about adding water. Ms. Mueller said the ditches will handle treatment and they are adding linear ponds.

There was a brief discussion about all of the recent improvements already done to that section of Colonial.

Ms. Pierce asked if this could have been avoided if better land management decisions had been made. Mr. Anglickis said growth is the driver. Mr. Scott gave the example of Golden Gate in Collier County where the Interchange was kept non-commercial but the need is still there for improvements due to the traffic coming from the homes to work. Mr. Blot commented that volume causes a change

in the system and traditional signaling can't be used. Mr. Blot asked if there is anywhere else in the country that has all three treatments in succession like this. Mr. Walls hasn't done that research and wasn't sure. Mr. Anglickis said we are the experimental group. Mr. Walls said we are cutting edge.

Ms. Whitehead asked if it relieves congestion getting on the interstate. Mr. Hussein explained the flow getting off I 75. Ms. Whitehead asked how it effects getting on. Ms. Mueller said the ramps will have improvements. Ms. Whitehead asked if it relieved one problem and created another. Ms. Mueller said there are I 75 improvements that are planned as well. Ms. Pierce said a regular flow will help as well. Mr. Scott said more interchanges may not be good for mainline operations.

Agenda Item #7 - Review and Comment on the Sanibel Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update Scope and the Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Scope

Ron Gogoi introduced this agenda item to review and comment on the Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan scopes for the City of Sanibel and the Village of Estero that were attached to the agenda packet.

Mr. Gogoi explained that the Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program includes a project for updating the 2009 Sanibel Shared Use Master Plan and a project for developing a new Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan for the Village of Estero. Currently, both projects are funded in FY 2019 and the earliest that the projects can commence is July 1, 2018. However, the MPO and FDOT are still looking for funds to advance the projects by a year so we want to be ready with approved scopes for project letting in case that happens. Staff has been coordinating with the City and the Village. They have developed the draft scopes that were attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Gogoi said the Village of Estero would like to add the Coconut Road traffic study to their plan. Mr. Gogoi said they have also added the I-75 interim improvements. He added that a number of presentations have been made on this plan. He said there is an error that will be corrected on page 6 where the word town should be village. He said the Sanibel scope was based on the existing shared use path master plan with staff modifying the format. Mr. Symroski, Sanibel's CAC representative was not present. Mr. Scott said he had a phone conversation with him prior to the meeting. Mr. Scott relayed Mr. Symroski's comments to the CAC. Mr. Symroski said the plan should include all stakeholders, employ bike counts/surveys, assess the physical conditions of pathways, and have funding mechanisms for maintenance. Mr. Gogoi said he reached out to Sanibel staff. They agreed with all of the suggestions except the assessment of the pathways since the pathways are currently being repaired. The CAC was asked to review the scopes and provide input. Mr. Scott said this will come back to the CAC after the BPCC reviews and approves it.

Mr. Anglickis asked who the CAC representative to the BPCC was. Mr. Gogoi said the representatives are Randy Krise and Carie Call.

Ms. Pierce commented on the meeting schedule for the plans. Mr. Gogoi said normally there is a final presentation to jurisdiction and one for information to BPCC. Mr. Gogoi said for this one they are recommending two, one at midpoint and one at end before joint meeting. Ms. Pierce felt this was good and how planning should be done.

Mr. Blot clarified that they were holding out on approval until BPCC reviewed and approved. Mr. Scott said yes. Mr. Gogoi agreed saying all comments from TAC/CAC will be relayed to BPCC. If the BPCC recommends then it could be an action item at the next TAC/CAC meetings.

Ms. Whitehead asked about a presentation Tetrattech made at the Estero Council meeting. Mr. Gogoi said that was for the Estero Parkway Improvements which include \$2.5 million for Bike Ped improvements from the County. Mr. Scott said this doesn't start until July 2018. They are getting it ready in case funding moves up.

Agenda Item #8 - +Review of the Draft Strategic Intermodal System Priorities

Don Scott presented this agenda item to review the draft Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) priorities that we approve jointly with the Collier MPO. The Lee and Collier MPO's last updated the SIS priorities back in 2012 and there have been a lot of changes to projects on the list as well as changes to the SIS network that need to be reflected. Attached to the agenda packet was the previously adopted list (**Attachment A**) and the updated list for the Committee's consideration (**Attachment B**). Mr. Scott went over the changes that were made, reviewed the SIS priorities table, and asked for input on the projects and priority order.

Ms. Whitehead asked what unprogrammed meant. Mr. Scott said it meant it is the phase that is not funded. Mr. Scott added the projects are kept on the priority list until they are in the work program. Mr. Anglickis asked if the TAC re-ordered the list and Mr. Scott answered no. Mr. Anglickis asked when the next joint meeting with Collier is. Mr. Scott said it is in the fall. Mr. Anglickis asked if this list must be done first. Mr. Scott said yes as it is due by June with the other priorities. Mr. Gilbertson asked if the last item on the list will be taken off. Mr. Scott said there were minor changes since there were additional turn lanes that were requested and it didn't work. There was a brief discussion about the list of improvements and having shovel ready projects.

Agenda Item #9 - Update on MPO Projects

Mr. Scott said the TIGER project is still in final punch list items. He has formulated costs estimates for Wayfinding. He added they will need to develop construction plans. The fabrication and installation should take 120 days. The packets were sent to the local jurisdictions. He said they are looking for ribbon cutting locations.

Mr. Scott said the Cape Coral Bike Ped Master Plan was approved by City Council last Monday.

Mr. Scott explained the Winkler Canal Pathway scope is being revised to consider a facility along the golf course and Winkler Canal is being taken off.

Mr. Scott commented that the US 41 Winkler to Victoria project presentation update will be given to the MPO Board on April 21.

Mr. Scott told the committee that the infrastructure list had projects submitted from 49 states. Florida did not submit a project because Governor Scott has a close relationship with the current administration. Governor Scott requested seaport improvements as a priority.

Mr. Gogoi gave an update with power point slides on the Town of Fort Myers Beach Bike Ped Master Plan. He said the next PAC meeting is April 26. He showed slides on the existing and proposed bike ped pathways. He said the hidden pathways concept is being considered by the consultant.

Mr. Gogoi also showed a slide on the regional enhancement funds.

Other Business

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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda as there were no members of the public present.

Agenda Item #11 - Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

The signalization status report was a topic suggested by Mr. Boller for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott handed out the MPOAC Legislative Update.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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