

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, May 4, 2017

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 roll was called. A quorum was present. 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, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, Sam Fisher, Edward Blot (via conference call), John Karcher, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris with FDOT; Wayne Gaither and Hunter Abel with LeeTran; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott and Ron Gogoi.

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

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Wayne Gaither with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He reported there was a 1% drop in ridership in March 2017 compared to March 2016. He said they are still looking at 3 million passenger trips annually through this fiscal year. He announced that LeeTran is working on a study for the Rosa Parks Intermodal facility. He said they received \$6 million in SIS funding for upgrades to the facility that they have outgrown since it was built in 2000. He added that there is currently a feasibility study being conducted to explore options for the property. Mr. Gaither informed the committee that there will be a public workshop for this at the Rosa Parks facility on May 16, 2017 from 1-5 p.m.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced that the draft Complete Streets Handbook has just been released for comment and review. He said it is available at <http://flcompletestreets.com/>. He added there are draft copies of the Plans and Preparations Manual and the Design Handbook for FDOT also available. He mentioned that the April 21, 2017 postponed I-75 Colonial presentation will be made to the MPO Board on May 19, 2017. Mr. Harris said this will be the final presentation and will include animation. He noted there will be a public hearing on May 16 at the Gulf Coast Church of Christ from 5-7 p.m. He also said there will be a final presentation to the Fort Myers City Council on May 15. A committee member asked for the website again. Mr. Harris repeated it. He added that it will be available for review and comment through May 26, 2017.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the April 6, 2017 Meeting Summary

Bev Larson made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the April 6, 2017 Meeting Summary. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of the Revised Regional Roadway Network Map

Don Scott introduced this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the revised regional roadway network map that was attached to the agenda packet. He told the committee that the information in the package was a little different. He explained that a CAC member, Ty Symroski, pointed out a change that needed to be made involving removing the designation of major roadway from Island Inn Road on Sanibel. He continued that the regional roadway map and the regional pathway map had been discussed previously in the CAC and also with Collier County. He said the regional pathway map isn't ready to be brought back due to issues in Collier County with some of the lines. The regional roadway map has been approved by Collier TAC/CAC and by Lee TAC this morning. The regional roadway map has been updated to reflect current conditions and to also include a joint resolution that can be included with future TRIP agreements, consistent with our discussions on this item back in the fall. The update includes the removal of Old Metro, now that the Metro Crossover has been built, the addition of Hanson Street from US 41 to Ortiz Avenue and the addition of Veterans Memorial Boulevard from US 41 to Livingston Road in Collier County. These have been added based on the addition of a new criteria to address improvements to parallel routes that serve to help reduce congestion on major regional facilities. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. He then asked for CAC approval of the revised Regional Roadway network map and criteria change, both were attached to the agenda packet.

Ty Symroski made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the April 6, 2017 Meeting Summary. Ted Tryka seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Sanibel Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update Scope and the Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Scope

Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the scopes for the development of the Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and the Update of the City of Sanibel Shared Use Path Master Plan that were attached to the agenda packet. The Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program includes a project for developing a new Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan for the Village of Estero and for updating Sanibel's 2009 Shared Use Master Plan. 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. The Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee has approved the latest version of the scopes that are attached, and the scopes address all the comments we have received to date. Mr. Gogoi began with the Estero Bike Ped Plan explaining that all of the changes suggested by the TAC/CAC had been accepted by the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC). He noted wording had been changed from trolley to LeeTran.

He then moved on to the Sanibel Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update. He noted the changes for this plan including the BPCC decision that a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) would be required and not optional. Mr. Gogoi said wording was added for this and also that the members would be decided at the kickoff meeting. Mr. Gogoi informed the CAC that earlier at the TAC, the City of Sanibel representative said their Planning Commission would form the crux of the PAC. Mr. Gogoi explained that Sanibel already had annual maintenance of pathways in place. He said the BPCC still added wording that the public would report observations on needed path maintenance or safety issues. Mr. Scott added that whoever is out doing surveys or counts might notice issues as well. Mr. Gogoi said he also mentioned the PAC should include a commuter. He questioned whether this representative could be Sanibel staff. Mr. Symroski said he thought that would be fine. He discussed the different types of bicycle riders. Mr. Gogoi asked Mr. Symroski what he meant by a visitor being included on the PAC. Mr. Symroski said there might be survey mechanisms left at hotels or rental companies that

could gain their input. Mr. Symroski said he would estimate that 75% of the users of the pathways are visitors. Mr. Symroski said there should be a means of reaching out to them and discovering what their experience is. Mr. Gogoi said that was fine and there could be surveys and there will be public meetings. Ms. Pierce asked when this will start. Mr. Scott said the earliest is July 1, 2018. A committee member question if there was funding. Mr. Scott said yes it is funded as of July 1, 2018 but it could be moved up if other funding is available. Ms. Pierce made additional comments about the different types of bicyclists and the valuable input they could provide. Mr. Gogoi said this was specifically for the PAC since they will be meeting three times over the course of eight months. He said the visitors would not be here all that time and members of the PAC are required to attend each meeting. He said the visitors would be caught during the public meetings and also through the surveys. Mr. Symroski said we must think out of the box to make sure the visitors are included. Mr. Gogoi said the final change was to add one additional presentation to the existing three.

Ty Symroski made the motion to approve this agenda item. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Development Plan

Brian Raimondo presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the minor update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). Mr. Scott handed out an update to the staff report. Mr. Raimondo said he received data after the CAC agenda packet was sent out. He explained that nothing was removed. He said he highlighted the additions in orange. The TDSP Major Update was drafted and approved during the summer of 2013. For the Minor update that is done annually, staff, Good Wheels and LeeTran have made minor updates to the document. The changes are listed below. He explained that the TDSP is the guidebook for Good Wheels. He also said Alan Mandel is in charge of Good Wheels which is the Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Lee County. He further explained that the Local Coordinating Board (LCB) is the oversight committee for Good Wheels. He said as part of that, they need to update the TDSP. He went over and explained the bulleted changes below:

- Date change to cover page
- Pg. 17 and 18: Cert pg. to be signed at May 19 MPO Board meeting
- Pg. 19: Updated TDSP Roll Call and date
- Pg. 25-27: Existing conditions/Unemployment/Housing info
- Pg. 32: Population figures and city square miles
- Pg. 33: City Limit Map
- Pg. 34: Population
- Pg. 35-36: Major employers and Workforce Distribution
- Pg. 36-37: Table 6 and Table 7 and Table 7a– Trip Purpose and Trip Funding
- Pg. 45-46: Needs Assessment
- Pg. 51: GW CIP
- Pg. 55-56: TD Eligibility
- Pg. 57: Coordination Contracts
- Pg. 60-69: Service Standards
- Pg. 71: Grievance Procedure date change

TDSP document located at this link –

<http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/LCBPH02a.2016-17-TDSP-draft.pdf>

Mr. Raimondo said this will go to the LCB tomorrow for their approval. He said this is more of an endorsement from the CAC. He added that after approval from the LCB, it will go to the MPO Board

for approval. He clarified the numbers that Mr. Mandel needs for ambulatory, \$28.85, and non-ambulatory, \$49.11, trips. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the per mile charges. Mr. Raimondo said all the charges that Good Wheels incurs are included in the per trip number as an estimate. He said there is a formula Tallahassee then uses to calculate funding. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ann Pierce made the motion to endorse this agenda item. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the Draft FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the draft FY 2017/2018 - FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Committee's review. The document is located at: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/DRAFT-TIP-FY-2018-2022.pdf> Mr. Scott went over a few of the projects in the TIP. He said that with the additional projects, our fair share has increased above the statutory levels. He explained this is the draft up for comment until final approval next month. He mentioned there were a few projects missing. Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments. Mr. O'Donnell asked about the headquarter syndrome. Mr. Scott said he examined a statewide run of fair share and that wasn't always the case. There was a brief discussion on the amount of money distributed around the state with relation to district headquarters. Mr. Scott mentioned possible legislation that they will study the cost to move the district office to Lee County. No motion was necessary as this was not an action item.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Draft Revision to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and comment on proposed amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He said the LRTP amendments to be voted on at the June meetings will amend the Plan to make the I-75/Corkscrew Road improvements consistent with the current project plans that include the implementation of interim improvements. The underlined and strike through changes for Committee review and input were attached to the agenda packet. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Other Business

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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #11 - Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

A committee member asked why all of the documents in the agenda packet didn't get printed out. He said he understood it costs money but their time is money too. Mr. Scott said this meeting packet was several hundred pages and last year it was sent out on CD. He said that many new computers don't have CD players on them. Mr. O'Donnell said that thumb drives have replaced the CDs. A committee member added that he felt more people would be up to speed if they had paper copies. Mr. Scott said that it was up to the committee to decide if they wanted paper copies. There was a brief discussion on bringing laptops or tablets to the meeting. Mr. O'Donnell said if it is an item to be voted on, he would like the full paper copy. Mr. Raimondo said they send out links for the LCB similar to what is done for the TAC/CAC. He added that if anyone would like a hard copy of the LCB packet, he informs them that

they can request it. He said he also prints out a few hard copies to be passed around if anyone would like to reference them during the meeting. Ms. Pierce asked which group met tomorrow. Mr. Raimondo said it is the Local Coordinating Board for the Transportation Disadvantaged (LCB). He invited the committee to attend. The discussion continued regarding using laptops or tablets at the meetings. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any topics for next meeting. Mr. Scott said the topics were the LTRP amendment, the TIP, the UPWP amendment, and the priorities for submittal to FDOT. Mr. O'Donnell asked about autonomous vehicles in the Long Range Plan. Mr. Scott said Federal Highways recommends they run scenarios to determine possible impact. He said in the end the model has assumptions that can be run but ultimately it should be one all of the district agree on. He also discussed the impact of Uber. Mr. Scott said there doesn't seem to be a benefit on the crash side yet form the safety features related to vehicles, such as automatic braking. The discussion continued on autonomous vehicles and Uber/Lyft. Mr. Symroski said there was a newer concept called Zip cars that can be passed from person to person. He said people won't own the cars, they will subscribe to the service to use them. Ms. Pierce said there are many different modes traveling in to the cities to drop people off that are creating congestion. There was a discussion about the wind effects on the lighter cars. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any information or distribution items.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott gave an update on the SunTrail from Okeechobee along the SR 80 corridor that will be added to the network. Mr. Symroski said a loop out to Lake Okeechobee would create an amenity that could be a great economic engine.

Mr. Gogoi reported on the bike box project. He explained that FDOT, LCDOT, and Lee MPO staff are participating in an experiment with this concept. He showed a few slides to illustrate the concept. At the BPCC meeting, they determined the location to be at the intersection of Treeline and Daniels. He said the next step is FDOT discussing it with traffic operations. Mr. Gogoi said this has not been done anywhere in Florida except Lakeland. Mr. Anglickis said this is a high accident corner. He added that he doesn't see cyclists at that intersection. Mr. Scott said there are plenty along Treeline. Mr. Anglickis wondered if the cyclists take the right turn somewhere ahead of Daniels. Mr. Gogoi said he rides his bike on the weekend. He said there are many cyclists in this area. The discussion continued regarding the two-step process and safety. Mr. Anglickis asked why they chose this corner. Mr. Gogoi said it was due to the bicycle plan. Mr. Scott said it was also due to current resurfacing plans. There were questions regarding the movement through the intersection. Mr. Gogoi clarified the movement through the intersection with a slide. Mr. Gogoi said the intersection boxes were recommended for more urban areas. Mr. O'Donnell felt that the drivers would have issues with the concept. The discussion continued on the differences between the options presented. Ms. Pierce asked if Mr. Gogoi was ready for a recommendation. Mr. Gogoi said a recommendation was not necessary. He asked what her recommendation would be. Ms. Pierce said she agrees with the two-step idea. Chair Anglickis felt that cyclists would avoid making the left turn. Mr. Gogoi said the cyclists are going straight through the intersection. A brief discussion followed on where and how cyclists are crossing. There was also further discussion on how the cyclists would use the intersection with the new treatment. Ms. Pierce asked how big the boxes are. Mr. Gogoi said they are generally six feet by eight feet. Mr. Gogoi said they will reach out to the media. Mr. Scott said part of this involves data being collected before and after. Chair Anglickis said he drives it frequently and never sees cyclists. Mr. Scott said there were counts done for TIGER and he will go back and check them. Chair Anglickis repeated that the corner has frequent accidents. A committee member asked if applying both methods at the same time will cloud the results. Mr. Gogoi explained that FHWA already has interim approval on one. He said they are collecting data on the other one but say all data collected thus far shows improvement. Mr. Gogoi said if they go with both then two applications must be submitted. Marion Briggs said placing bicycles in front of cars is a ludicrous idea that sets the state up for possible litigation when someone is injured. Mr. Harris said this was not FDOT's idea. He said it was brought to FDOT by the Lee County MPO. Mr. Harris said the MPO was given instruction to find an intersection project that had resurfacing. The discussion continued

on the cost of the project. Another concurrent discussion was regarding where there are other intersections like this. Ms. Pierce asked if the subject had been exhausted. Chair Anglickis agreed that it had. Chair Anglickis told the committee it was a joy having them at the meeting. He then adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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