

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, June 1, 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 Vice-Chair Albert O'Donnell at 3:00 p.m. Chair Rick Anglickis was absent.

The roll was called. There are 26 authorized members and 22 current members. There are 12 members needed for a quorum. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Bill Johnson Jr., Patty Whitehead, Phillip Boller, Edward Blot (via conference call), John Karcher, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Larry Wood, Robert King, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris with FDOT; Levi McCollum 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.

Due to member time constraints, Vice-Chair O'Donnell moved the agenda items requiring committee action forward.

New Business

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

Randy Krise made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the May 4, 2017 Meeting Summary. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and endorsement of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 16, 2017. Each year the MPO develops a five year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes highway, bicycle/pedestrian, operations and management, safety, transit, intermodal, planning, maintenance and aviation projects that are funded with State and Federal money. The endorsement of this TIP will conclude the annual project prioritization and programming cycle that began last spring with the development of the MPO's project priorities. Inclusion of projects in the TIP is a prerequisite for federal funding of surface transportation projects. The TIP also includes the Capital Improvement Programs for each of the municipalities, for informational purposes only. The following link, <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/DRAFT-TIP-FY-2018-2022-Update.pdf>, includes the TIP with the revisions that have been made to address the comments we have received. Mr. Scott explained the changes that have been made from the draft include adding some missing projects, updating maps, removing old planning numbers, rephrasing references to other documents, and correcting the Big Carlos Bridge discrepancy. Mr. Scott discussed other comments made regarding the Sanibel and Estero projects. He showed several slides and discussed funding amounts and projects. He handed out a revised version of

the regional priorities including the Burnt Store funds. He explained the list would be updated once the CIPs were done after the joint meetings with Charlotte and Collier MPOs. He showed a slide of the breakdown of funding among the modes. Patty Whitehead asked about the Estero Bike Ped Master Plan. Mr. Scott said funding would be available July 1, 2018, and the scopes were already approved. He asked Mr. Harris if a consultant could be selected in advance. Mr. Harris said he would look into that. Ron Gogoi suggested beginning the RFP process in May or June of 2018 and then noting the project will not proceed until after July 1, 2018. A discussion followed on the selection process for the consultant. The discussion shifted briefly to the regional list of priorities. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

Ron Talone made the motion to approve this agenda item for the endorsement of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 TIP. Ty Symroski seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of Bike Ped and Management & Operation Priorities

Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and recommend approval of the Lee MPO TAP, Regional TAP, and the Multi-Modal Enhancement Box "SU" priorities. He explained that **Attachment A** of the agenda packet included the proposed Year 2017 priorities for the MPO allocated Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. He said all nine projects on the list are unfunded priorities from last year. Because of the already long list of projects and the limited availability of MPO allocated TA funds, staff did not call for any new projects this year. He continued that the priority order for the projects remain the same and consistent with rankings from the original project evaluations from 2015 based on the MPO Bicycle Pedestrian Evaluation Criteria. He stated there is \$700,000 available but projects exceed that funding amount. He moved on to **Attachment B** of the agenda packet that included the proposed Year 2017 Regional TAP fund priorities. They are all new projects. He said candidate projects for this category of funding have to be along trail corridors identified in the Lee Collier Bi-County Regional Pathways Map. The funding source is the state portion of TAP funds. He discussed the projects on the list and the priority order. He added that the \$3.1 million is used to fund these projects. Mr. Gogoi continued with **Attachment C** of the agenda packet that included the proposed 2017 Multi-Modal Enhancement "SU" Box fund priorities. Projects must be along federal aid highways to be eligible for this type of funds. Bike/Ped, Transit, and Traffic Operations projects all compete for this category of funds. Transit and Traffic Operation projects, which come under Management and Operations, are typically identified by the Traffic Management Operations Committee (TMOC) while bike ped projects are identified by the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC). He explained the projects and amounts of funding for these priorities. No new bike ped projects were considered this year because of the already long list of unfunded bike ped box priorities from last year. On the other hand, two new Management and Operations projects have been added to the list in **Attachment C** including the Iona/McGregor intersection improvements and the Winkler Avenue/Challenger roundabout to address safety issues. The top two on the list are operations and management projects that are typically implemented off-the-top of available "SU" funds. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked if there were any questions. Patty Whitehead asked about a Gladiolus project for bicycle access. Mr. Gogoi said Lee County was looking into this project and exploring funding. A brief discussion followed regarding this possible project. There was also a discussion on the Iona/McGregor project cost and description of improvements.

Phillip Boller made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of Bike Ped and Management & Operation Priorities. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gogoi then presented the first walk-on agenda item on roundabouts. He gave a brief history of the Seaboard roundabout. He stated the TAC recommended splitting the project into realistic phases due to right-of-way. Mr. Gogoi showed a slide of the project area. He addressed the FDOT recommendation for each District to implement at least two roundabouts annually during the development of the Work Program. He added the intersecting roads are both on the state highway system and thus could tap into state funding. He mentioned Fort Myers City Manager Saeed Kazemi would like the projects completed before the roads are transferred to the City of Fort Myers so that state dollars could be used for funding. There was a discussion on splitting the project into phases. Clarification was made as to what the CAC was being asked to approve. Mr. Gogoi said this would be a recommendation for the item to be submitted as a priority for funding and added to the list of top five. Mr. Harris explained that this was an estimate. He continued that an environmental review would need to be completed to better determine costs. A discussion followed on the project timeline and funding.

Roundabout Walk-On Item – Randy Krise made the motion to approve the roundabout walk-on agenda item. Ann Pierce seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gogoi presented the second and final walk-on item on highway safety priorities. He stated that the projects are suggested by the county for the MPO to submit to FDOT. He explained the projects on the list. There was a brief discussion on the pedestrian islands and related crossing procedures. Mr. Symroski suggested that when there are walk-on items, the committee should be notified at the beginning of the meeting. He added this would serve as notice for public comment on the items if needed. Vice-Chair O'Donnell requested handouts at the beginning of the meeting.

Safety Priorities Walk-On Item – Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the safety walk-on agenda item. Ron Talone seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Ann Pierce asked for a time frame for the Seaboard project to be brought back to the next meeting as to not hold up the return of the roads to two-way traffic. Mr. Gogoi said the roundabout could be designed in such a way as to accommodate both the existing one-way and possible future two-way traffic.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Regional Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and recommend approval of the Regional Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities and the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) priorities. He handed out updates concerning the county's comments that a funded segment of the Burnt Store Road project from SR 78 to Tropicana was missing and the V/C tables for the SIS priorities. The map was updated and adopted by the two MPOs last month. The updated TRIP priorities were attached to the agenda packet and were scored based on the scoring criteria which takes into account performance, SIS connectivity, matching funds

etc. The project phases for the projects being requested are identified in the fiscal year that is indicated in the local Capital Improvement Elements. He said the volume to capacity analysis does not really work for the Interchanges so we have listed the project needs separately. He noted the FDOT staff is currently working on updating the SIS Needs Plan which will help provide input on future versions of this list. Mr. Scott addressed questions and comments related to the projects.

Ann Pierce made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the Regional Priorities. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the proposed amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The MPO staff is proposing LRTP amendments to be voted on at the June MPO Board meeting to amend the Plan to make the I-75/Corkscrew Road improvements consistent with the current project plans and to add the SR 31 from SR 80 to SR 78 Project Development and Environment Study back into the State/Other Arterial Cost Feasible funding table. The underlined and strike through changes for Committee review and input to reflect what is being proposed were attached to the agenda packet. He continued that the change to the I-75/Corkscrew Road interchange project is being done to match the current plan for the design and construction of interim interchange improvements at this location. Previously, the LRTP project description and corresponding priority request included the design of the ultimate interchange reconstruction project that assumed construction would be years away and a much larger project, estimated to cost \$60 to \$80 million. The current plan is to design and construct an additional eastbound and westbound turn lane onto northbound and southbound I-75 at this location. He explained the change for SR 31 is being done to reflect what is needed to get the Project Development and Environment study for the SR 80 and SR 78 segment moving forward again. The Project Development and Environment study phase is being added to the state other arterial table, shown with the PE phase that is currently shown, and a right-of-way cost added. He said the Existing plus Committed table is being updated to remove the previously funded SR 31 project that was stopped back in 2012 due to the gas line issues. Mr. Boller suggested the Littleton to Kismet project be changed from two lanes to four lanes to reflect the actual conditions.

Phillip Boller made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the 2040 LRTP Amendments. Ted Tryka seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - *Endorsement of the Federal and State Funded Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the endorsement of the updated federal and state funded priorities, attached to the agenda packet. The federal and state priority list, which was attached to the agenda packet, has been updated to reflect the addition of a priority for the SR 31 Project Development and Environment Study. He said the TAC recommended adding Old 41 from US 41 to Bonita Beach. This addition is consistent with the LRTP amendment from the previous agenda item.

Scott Gilbertson made the motion to approve this agenda item for the Federal and State Funded Priorities. Larry Wood seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - *Review and Approval of the Amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to approve the amendments to the FY 2017/2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add planning funding and tasks and to add transit 5307 planning funds. Mr. Scott said the MPO is proposing amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (the MPO's budget) to recognize additional planning funds from statewide reserves of approximately \$71,000 and from previous unspent carryforward funds. The FY 2017/2018 available funds are now \$926,020 and the underline and strike through changes, attached to the agenda packet, match the new available funding amount. We have also added FTA 5307 funds for transit planning to match proposed LeeTran activities. The additional funding is being used to conduct the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action plan update, continuing with the rail feasibility study legal review recommendations, and starting the tasks necessary for updating the Transportation model. Ms. Pierce asked about the rail feasibility legal review. Mr. Scott responded this was related to converting the rails to trails. The discussion continued with the history of the SunRail issues in Orlando and the difficulties with the rail companies.

Ty Symroski made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the Amendments to the UPWP. Jim Wurster seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Patty Whitehead asked for Mr. Scott to email the Seminole Railway information. Mr. Scott replied that he would.

Vice-Chair O'Donnell decided to take the remaining action items next.

Agenda Item #12 - *Proposal to add the Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway and Alico Road Corridor to the Land Trails Opportunity Map

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to discuss a proposal to add Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway to the Land Trails Opportunity Map from Bonita Beach Road to Daniels Parkway. He explained the proposal to have the Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway corridor from Bonita Beach Road to Daniels Parkway added to the Land Trails Opportunity Map during the ongoing update of the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan. Accordingly, the MPO staff would like to have the proposal vetted by all the MPO committees before a formal request is submitted to the Office of Greenways and Trails. The BPCC recommended connecting up to the Daniels Parkway opportunity trail with the Three Oaks Extension instead of connecting down Alico Road over to the Michael G. Rippe Parkway and that is the recommendation moving forward. The committee discussed the connections of the trails and viewed a map.

Ann Pierce made the motion to approve this agenda item for the addition of Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway and Alico Road Corridor to the Land Trails Opportunity Map. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #13 - *Approval of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for review and approval of the updated Public Involvement Plan following the public review and comment period, attached to the agenda packet. He stated it will go to the MPO Board for final approval after the committees have approved.

Ron Talone made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the PIP. John Karcher seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - +Review and Provide Input on the Scope for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP)

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the scope for updating the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP), that was attached to the agenda packet. The Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) reviewed and made comments that are reflected in this draft. The BPCC also wanted to hear the TAC and CAC comments before approving. He explained that after the *Dangerous by Design Report* designated the Cape Coral Urbanized Area as the #1 most dangerous place in the nation for walking, the MPO Board recommended that the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) be updated. This Plan was developed in 2013. Accordingly, earlier this year, the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was amended assigning funds in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 to update the BPSAP. Mr. Scott explained that the crash data will be updated. He noted that our area position would go from number one to number eight in the nation if calculated another way. He added this still puts us high on the list. The committee discussed ways to calculate danger, other areas in Florida, these area rankings on the list, and crash factors. The committee also discussed the importance of government leadership involvement. A joint meeting was suggested between all the MPO committees including the MPO Board. The discussion continued on the importance of the analysis of the crash data. Mr. Scott mentioned that FDOT released a 2013-2015 bicycle pedestrian high crash list of the top ten areas in District 1. Mr. Symroski requested an analysis of the crash data to be brought back to the committee as well as a public workshop for discussion of the BPSAP. Ms. Pierce suggested microanalysis of the data, measurement of latent desire, and both elected and appointed persons on the committee for the BPSAP. The discussion continued on the value of the involvement of stakeholders including law enforcement and the cost associated with crashes.

Other Business

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He stated that LeeTran had 288,000 passenger trips in April 2017. He added this was a 4.5% decrease from April 2016. He noted there was one less weekday in April 2017 that contributed to that loss. Mr. McCollum mentioned that they had the best year ever on the beach routes 490 and 410.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He mentioned the I-75/Colonial Interchange public hearing was moved to June 15 at the Gulf Coast Church of Christ from 5 – 7 p.m. He noted they will be presenting a new animation that goes through the entire project. He added the Diverging Diamond Intersection is now open in Sarasota at I-75 and University Parkway. He also reported that Colonial Boulevard east and west bound at the railroad crossing will be closed June 9 through June 23 for work on the railroad crossing. He urged the committee to help spread the word and to avoid the area during construction.

Agenda Item #14 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

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

Agenda Item #15 - Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned the July meetings will most likely be cancelled.

Agenda Item #16 - Topics for next meeting

The topics for next meeting included the scope for the BPSAP.

Agenda Item #17 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Gogoi gave information on the Fort Myers Beach Lighting study consultant selection process. He reported three consultants were interested. He added the selection committee met the prior day and selected CPWG to complete the study.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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