

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, August 3, 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 3:01 p.m.

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 Carie Call, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Sam Fisher, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Larry Wood, and Robert King. Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris with FDOT; Juliet Iglesias with Lee County Port Authority; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

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

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

With prior notice from Levi McCollum of LeeTran, Don Scott gave the LeeTran report. He announced that the Fort Myers Beach park-and-ride facility construction is going well. He added that it is on track to be finished by the end of the year, and LeeTran is planning for it to be operational for the upcoming season. He noted that it will have five bus bays and 240 parking spaces with some room to grow. He also announced the Rosa Parks Transportation Center Improvements Study and the open house that is coming up on August 8 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. He said LeeTran is looking forward to hearing people's feedback and they invite everyone to come. Mr. Scott also gave the LeeTran ridership report for June 2017 commenting that ridership was down 6.96%.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced FDOT will hold a public hearing for the Six Mile/Gladiolus/US 41 intersection improvement project on August 17, 2017 at Florida SouthWestern College on College Parkway from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. He noted FDOT is a month into the FY 2019-2023 Work Program cycle with an epublic hearing scheduled October 16 through October 20, 2017.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 1, 2017 Meeting Summary

Randy Krise made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the June 1, 2017 Meeting Summary. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Amendments to the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Roll Forward Report

Don Scott presented this agenda item to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2017 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP, attached to the agenda packet. He explained that each year there are projects scheduled to be authorized prior to June 30th, when the previous TIP is in effect, but for various reasons they do not get authorized. He said these projects will automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in the MPO's TIP. He added this amendment is being done to account for the roll forward projects within the TIP. He gave a few examples of the projects and asked for questions or comments. There were no questions or comments.

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

Agenda Item #6 - *Endorsement of the Aviation Priorities

Don Scott presented this agenda item to recommend that the MPO endorse the Lee County Port Authority's priorities for aviation projects at the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Page Field Airport. The Lee County Port Authority provided its latest priorities for aviation projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field for endorsement by the MPO via email and the MPO then emailed them to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The MPO also printed copies and handed out at the CAC meeting. Don Scott introduced Juliet Iglesias with the Lee County Port Authority to address any comments or questions the CAC had. Albert O'Donnell asked if the wetland work was completed. Juliet Iglesias said the work is completed. There were no further comments or questions.

Carie Call made the motion to approve this agenda item for the endorsement of the Aviation Priorities. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Approval of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Scope

Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and approve the revised scope for updating the Lee MPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) that was attached to the agenda packet. The draft scope for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (BPSAP) has now been updated to reflect comments that we have received through the first round of Committee Meeting reviews. The updated scope was approved by the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee at their June 27, 2017 meeting and by the Technical Advisory Committee at their August 3, 2017 meeting. He provided an overview of the comments that have been made to date and how those comments were addressed including incorporating an analysis of crash data, increased coordination with the MPO Board, possibility of a joint workshop for with the MPO Board and other committees, and a policy review of the Complete Streets updates. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Ann Pierce questioned the timeline for the report if approved. Don Scott said it should be ready in the spring of 2018. Ann Pierce then commented regarding the question list on page two and how perceptions are difficult to quantify. She suggested using the Levels of Stress Matrix to assist with this. Don Scott said that the committees can review the surveys and questions before they are sent out. There was a brief discussion on enforcement issues. Albert O'Donnell suggested breaking the question section into two parts – perception of bicycle pedestrian safety by Law Enforcement Officers beyond crash data/reports and levels of stress as reported by bicyclists and pedestrians. Don Scott said Law Enforcement would include Fire and EMS. There was a brief discussion on stakeholder groups and Sunshine Laws. Albert O'Donnell made a motion for approval with the changes included to separate the safety issues questions into two components, Law

Enforcement/First Responders and Bicyclists/Pedestrians. Carie Call made an objection due to the ambiguity of the discussion with regard to the Sunshine Laws. Don Scott said he could bring in the list of stakeholders from the last BPSAP. The CAC agreed that was a good idea.

Robert King made the motion to approve this agenda item as amended to include breaking the question section into two parts as described above. Ted Tryka seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Update on the Performance Measure Requirements

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on performance measure requirements. He explained that the Federal Highway Administration has provided additional information on the performance measure rules along with the deadlines that are now set for the States and MPOs for implementation. The summary outlining the requirements and deadlines was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott referred to the Federal Register. He said the first deadline is for the safety targets, which requires FDOT to provide the target by August 31, and they have indicated that they will be going with vision zero. He added for the MPO, the target deadline is February 27, 2018. He noted there are other performance measure requirements and deadlines that are included on the summary sheets, that were attached to the agenda packet, along with the MPO requirements to include the implementation of the measures in the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. He showed slides of the NHS map, performance measures, core measures, and supplemental measures. A discussion ensued on performances measures and calculations. Albert O'Donnell asked if it was calculated using vehicle miles traveled. Mr. Scott said vehicle miles traveled was used and not population.

Agenda Item #9 – Discussion on the Impact of Vehicle Changes on Infrastructure Needs

Don Scott presented this agenda item to discuss the impact of connected/autonomous vehicles to our future transportation needs. Don Scott said Robert King sent an email on hydrogen as a fuel. Don Scott also gave several anecdotes about hybrids and mentioned battery prices are coming down. He said changes to the Districtwide transportation model are currently being worked on to provide the opportunity to run different scenarios of the impact of connected/autonomous vehicles based on the percentage of those vehicles at a certain horizon year. He mentioned at a recent MPOAC meeting, FDOT indicated that they are currently doing a study to help determine the absorption rate of connected/autonomous vehicles that should help feed the Districtwide model analysis. He added that as part of this analysis, FDOT is looking at the impact of these projections on the future transportation funding that is available for capital and maintenance activities. Don Scott also showed slides on alternative fuels, the number of public stations in Florida, recent announcements, battery trends, and transportation funding. Don Scott asked for questions or comments. Carie Call suggested a change to a battery tax instead of a gas tax. Don Scott said he would share FDOT information on change of revenue when available. Albert O'Donnell suggested the money for gas could be transferred to the registration of Electric Vehicles. Don Scott noted that projections may not be reality. Rick Anglickis asked how quickly this could be implemented. There were further discussions on batteries, vehicle miles traveled, and electric fees.

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, but Ann Pierce asked for CAC input on a possible regional summit on Complete Streets to be held in this area in January or February 2018. There was a brief discussion on this topic with general CAC consensus in favor of the idea.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

The suggested topics for the next CAC meeting included Complete Streets and additional summit information from Ann Pierce.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included copies of the Aviation Priorities for Agenda Item #6 and the LeeTran Ridership report for June 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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