

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, November 2, 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 3:04 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. 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, Tony Cardinale, Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, Patty Whitehead, Phillip Boller, Sam Fisher, Ed Blot via phone, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ty Symroski, Larry Wood, Robert King, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included D’Juan Harris with FDOT; 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.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott presented the LeeTran report that was given by LeeTran’s Steve Myers at the TAC meeting earlier in the day. Mr. Scott announced the Beach Park and Ride should be completed within the next thirty days. He noted LeeTran had no new ridership numbers due to Hurricane Irma. He added that LeeTran thanked FDOT for the transit bus replacement funds.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He reminded the CAC about the Context Classification Workshop, Monday, November 6, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Bartow. He added that Ms. Ann Pierce is working to set up a similar local workshop. Ms. Ann Pierce said there would be a charge for the local workshop that would most likely be held in February or March, include lunch, and count for Engineering PDH and APA Planning CEs.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the August 3, 2017 and October 5, 2017 CAC Meeting Summaries

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the August 3, 2017 and October 5, 2017 Meeting Summary. Mr. Phillip Boller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Due to time constraints of the consultant, Agenda Item #7 was taken next.

Agenda Item #7 - *Provide a Recommendation on the SR 78 Sidewalk/Pathway Alternatives

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review the SR 78 sidewalk and pathway alternatives. He introduced the consultant, Ms. Felicia Pannell with Sam Schwarz Engineering. She was participating in the meeting via conference call. He explained that several years ago a PD&E study was prioritized for SR 78 to look at options for building a sidewalk extending the existing sidewalk west of I-75 to SR 31. He said the PD&E study is now underway, but there have been several issues raised as part of this study that have led us to seek input on the preliminary alternatives before proceeding further. He noted the consultant has developed sidewalk/pathway alternatives and costs. He said FDOT is requiring direction on material to be used, concrete or asphalt. He added that one of the developments impacting the study is the recent analysis of SR 31 and SR 78 as part of the SR 31 PD&E study. He said that this study is indicating that SR 78 needs to be widened to four lanes, but it is currently not in the Long Range Transportation Plan or the needs plan. He noted that the consultant divided the section of SR 78 from Park 78 to SR 31 into three segments: Segment One, Park 78 to Durrance Road; Segment Two, Durrance Road to Castlevue Drive; and Segment Three, Castlevue Drive to SR 31. He described the two alternatives proposed by the consultant and the related costs for each in asphalt and concrete. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the BPC and TAC had voted to explore all options. He commented the addition of SR 78 to FDEP's Draft Land Trails Priority map would open the project for SUN Trail funding if a pathway or multi-use trail option is chosen. There was a brief discussion on public involvement thus far. Ms. Pannell said newsletters were sent out to area residents and elected/appointed officials with mostly positive responses received. A discussion followed on the projected growth for the area, the current population density, and connectivity to other area trails/roads. The committee also discussed the pathway/sidewalk options.

Ms. Marion Briggs made a motion to recommend a twelve foot asphalt path along the north side for Segments One, Two, and Three with an eight foot asphalt sidewalk along Segment Two on the south side. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gogoi thanked Ms. Pannell for participating in the presentation.

Agenda Item #5 - +Presentation of the FDOT Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2019 through FY 2023

Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC had any additions or changes to the Draft Tentative Work Program. Mr. Scott and Mr. Harris both replied that there were no changes, only comments.

FDOT's D'Juan Harris presented this agenda item on the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2019 through FY 2023. He said FDOT has published the draft tentative Work Program covering fiscal years 2019 through 2023 for review and input. He said it would be adopted July 1 when it is approved by FDOT Secretary L. K. Nandam and the Governor. He noted that not many projects are advanced this year. He highlighted key projects including the I-

75/Corkscrew interim interchange improvements, various landscaping projects, the Trafalgar project, the LeeTran bus replacement funds, the Gunnery at Buckingham Roundabout, and the I-75 masterplan feasibility study for Lee and Collier Counties.

Mr. Gogoi then presented slides on the STP and State funded priorities, local TAP priorities for FY 2022/2023, multimodal enhancement box fund priorities, regional TA priorities for FY 2022/2023, Highway Safety program funds, and FDOT recommendations. Mr. Jim Wurster asked for a copy of Mr. Gogoi's analysis to be sent out.

Mr. Scott then discussed a slide on the Fair share/Equity analysis indicating Lee County is low on the fair share of funding. There was a brief discussion on the lack of FDOT presence in this area and possible ways to remedy. Mr. Scott mentioned the TAC comment on not receiving our number one roadway priority project funding, which was Big Carlos Bridge. Mr. Ty Symroski asked if a motion was needed to include the bridge project. Mr. Harris said L. K. Nandam is aware of the bridge project, and it is not an SIS bridge. Mr. Scott clarified it is an off system bridge, FDOT will look into it, and it will come up again at the MPO Board meeting. Mr. Harris commented again that FDOT is aware of the situation.

Agenda Item #6 - +Update on the Draft Land Trails Opportunity Map Comments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide an update on the Draft Land Trails Opportunity Map comments and the results of the Office of Greenways and Trails public meeting. He said he attended the Office of Greenways and Trails public meeting in North Port. He mentioned the BPCC letter composed by MPO staff to FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails office urging them to restore the Seminole Gulf Railroad alignment in the draft update of the Land Trails Priority Map. He added the version of the letter approved by the BPCC was attached to the agenda packet. He said attendance at the Council meeting in January is important to state our case. There was a discussion that followed on the Rail Corridor.

Agenda Item #8 - *Recommend Project Priorities for FY 2024 SUN Trail Funds

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend SUN Trail project priorities for potential FY 2023/2024 funding. He commented that following staff input, the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee recommended the following projects and priority order:

1. Rails to Trails Feasibility Study on the Seminole Gulf Right of Way
2. Kismet Parkway Multiuse Trail from Del Prado Boulevard to NE 24th Avenue

He added that after these two priorities were established, discussion with Bonita Springs elected officials and Public Works staff led to the addition of another project as number three, Estero Boulevard from Hickory to the foot of the Big Carlos Bridge. He noted the deadline for submission of these applications to FDOT is December 15th. Mr. Gogoi clarified the routes of all three projects on the map.

Ms. Ann Pierce made the motion to approve the three project priorities in the order discussed above: Rails to Trails, Kismet Parkway and Estero Boulevard. Mr. Ty

Symroski and Mr. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on rails to trails projects, multi-modal transportation, feasibility study, and right of way.

Agenda Item #9 - Discussion on the FDOT Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Don Scott introduced this agenda item to review FDOT's safety targets for all five national safety measures and discuss the development of the MPO's safety targets. He said the safety performance measures are:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

He added FDOT safety performance measure targets have been recently released, they have identified Zero as the target for all five of the safety performance measures, and Florida has become the only state in the nation to do so. He noted each of the MPOs have until February 27, 2018, to accept the FDOT targets or develop their own targets. He added that guidance regarding implementation of adopted targets was provided by FHWA to the Lee MPO staff on October 26th. Mr. Scott said the MPO staff is leaning toward adopting the same targets as FDOT. He noted that improvements have been shown in other places that have adopted Vision Zero. He showed dates for including the performance measures in the LRTP and the TIP. The committee discussed the benefits of adopting the FDOT measures. Mr. Scott said this issue will come to the committee again at a future meeting.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to follow FDOT's leadership and adopt their standards. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Ann Pierce commented on Senate Bill 90 regarding making texting while driving a primary offense. She mentioned a statewide coalition with the goal of having all local governments adopt a resolution to encourage the legislation to make texting while driving a primary offense. Chair Anglickis suggested making a motion to compose a letter and send it to all local municipalities in Lee County.

Ms. Ann Pierce made the motion for a CAC letter to be sent to the local municipalities urging them to support Senate Bill 90. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ann Pierce also mentioned that Lee County is the only local government that has not included the Seminole Gulf rail corridor in their comprehensive plan.

Ms. Ann Pierce made the motion for a CAC letter to be sent to the Lee County Manager and Commissioners to include the Seminole Gulf rail corridor in their comprehensive plan thus supporting FDOT's purchase of the CSX right of way. Ms. Patty Whitehead seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Scott mentioned the MPOAC Legislative Update directing the committee's attention to the electric vehicle legislation on the last page based on our previous discussions on this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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