

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, December 7, 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 3:03 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 Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, 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; Dawn Huff with Lee County School District, Moses Jackson, 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 read the LeeTran report given by Mr. Wayne Gaither with LeeTran earlier at the TAC meeting. LeeTran reported September ridership was down due to Hurricane Irma. LeeTran was down for roughly 11 days related to the storm. October ridership was down 3.95%. Fiscal Year 2016/2017 was down approximately 6% with ridership of 3.126 million passenger trips for the year. This reflects the national transit trends that are down.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He commented that FDOT is wrapping up the Draft Work Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2023. He added they recently presented it to the MPO Board with a video and summary of changes spreadsheet as well. He noted they are moving forward with the next program development cycle. He stated applications are due by February 1, preliminary applications in early spring, and firm priorities are due June 1. Mr. Robert King asked about the interim improvements at Corkscrew and I 75. Mr. Harris said they are scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Mr. Jim Wurster asked if the project included more than the ramp intersection. Mr. King explained the improvements involved adding two additional turning lanes. Mr. Harris said ultimate improvements to reconfigure the intersection will most likely occur in 2027.

New Business

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

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the November 2, 2017 Meeting Summary. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Recommend Safety Performance Measure Targets

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review FDOT's safety targets, attached to the agenda packet, for all five national safety measures. He said the MPOs are required to adopt Safety Performance Measure Targets by February 27, 2018 in order to meet new Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements. He explained FDOT has adopted zero as their target for each of the performance measures, becoming the only state in the nation to do so. He added the MPO staff recommends adopting a target of zero as well, consistent with the FDOT safety performance measure targets. He listed the safety performance measures:

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 referred to the statewide fatality and injury statistics for all of the Counties in Florida, attached to the agenda packet, and also to a handout he received at a meeting in Orlando last Thursday. He reviewed the current numbers, gave additional information on fatalities for 2017, provided a summary of FHWA performances measures and dates for target setting, and discussed the National Highway System (NHS). He noted FDOT will provide one year of data, 2017. Chair Anglickis asked why 2016 couldn't be used as a base. Mr. Scott said it could be due to the way the previous data was collected. Mr. Scott Gilbertson questioned the calculations for the data on the table.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to recommend adopting FDOT's safety performance measure target of zero. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Endorsement of the School District SRTS Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend endorsement of the Lee County School District SRTS priorities. Ms. Dawn Huff with the School District of Lee County was also present to answer questions. Mr. Gogoi said in response to FDOT's call for proposals for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) infrastructure funds, the School District of Lee County is submitting 3 (three) applications. He added, consistent with the Lee MPO SRTS process, school district priorities will need to be endorsed by the MPO Board before the applications can be signed by MPO staff, and submitted to FDOT. He reviewed and presented maps for the following school district priorities:

Priority #1: The proposal calls for sidewalks that will benefit Bonita Springs Elementary located in Bonita Springs. The proposed sidewalks are on the west side of Shriver Avenue from Dean Street to Ragsdale Street. Cost: \$163,130

Maintaining Agency: City of Bonita Springs

Priority #2: The proposal calls for sidewalks that will benefit Island Coast High located in Cape Coral. The proposed sidewalks are on both sides of Averill Boulevard from Del Prado Boulevard to Gator Circle South and along the perimeters of South Gator Circle. Cost: \$1,708,516

Maintaining Agency: City of Cape Coral

Priority #3: The proposal calls for sidewalks that will benefit Edison Park Elementary located in Fort Myers. The proposed sidewalks are on the west side of Clifford Street from Edison Avenue to Victoria Street. Cost: \$167,963

Maintaining Agency: City of Fort Myers

Mr. Gogoi also discussed the number of students living within two miles of each of the schools, noting Bonita Springs Elementary had the highest amount.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve this agenda item for the endorsement of the School District SRTS Priorities. Mr. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ann Pierce asked if only projects with no facilities are eligible or if projects with old or dangerous sidewalks would be eligible as well. Ms. Huff said the criteria has changed but in the past it was just projects with no facilities. She said she would look into that. Ms. Pierce said, within the City of Fort Myers, there are a number of schools with a high walking population that have sidewalks that should be redone.

Agenda Item #7 - Review and Discuss Candidate Projects for TA and Multi-modal Box Funds

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and discuss candidate projects for consideration of MPO allocated TA and SU Box funds for the 2018 funding cycle. He showed slides of the TA project candidate list and then reviewed multimodal projects. He mentioned the Buckingham project that was withdrawn. He also discussed three projects submitted by the City of Bonita Springs: Cochran, Pauling, and West Terry. Mr. Jim Wurster commented that if the projects are approved, the City will immediately begin working on the railroad issue. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with additional slides on funding. He noted the SR 80 project was withdrawn so hazardous walking conditions can be assessed and addressed. Mr. Gogoi added that there is not a vote required at this time since this agenda item is only for project vetting. He mentioned there are projects in Bonita that are in Lee County right of way. He also commented on the Caloosahatchee Pedestrian Bridge planning study that has been discussed previously by the Board. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC had any new ideas. Mr. Gogoi replied no. Chair Anglickis asked when this item will come back. Mr. Gogoi said June, with possible preliminary priorities in March. Mr. Wurster referred back to the projects on Bonita Beach Road asking if they could be placed back in the program if issues are worked out with the County. Mr. Gogoi responded yes. Mr. Ty Symroski suggested the planning feasibility study for the pedestrian bridge should consider the possibility of fishing from the structure as well. There was a brief discussion regarding the Caloosahatchee Bridge and the pedestrian bridge project. Mr. Gogoi reminded the CAC that this will come back in March and June.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the Origin Destination Study Scope of Services

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to discuss the background to the project and review the draft origin and destination scope of services. He said the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes a task to conduct an origin destination study using cell phone data in support of the 2045 Long Range Plan update, land use scenario analysis, and the Cape Coral evacuation study. He added the data from the project could also be used for other future traffic studies depending on how the data is collected and reported. He mentioned the last time an origin destination study was done was the year 2000. He discussed the older methods used for these studies including stopping cars and license plate surveys using cameras. He explained how cellular data can be used. He mentioned this study could possibly be a joint venture with Collier County. He discussed a chart that Stantec used for another project and reviewed the types, costs etc. for these different methods of collection. He mentioned the cost might be around \$50,000 in Lee County for collecting one week of data. He asked for thoughts from the committee. Mr. Symroski mentioned temporary cell towers that

had been used after a hurricane. Mr. Scott said this would come before the committee again. He added this data would benefit the models.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the 2018 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the 2018 MPO meeting schedule. Chair Anglickis commented on the meeting date of July 5, 2018. Mr. Symroski suggested changing it to July 12, 2018. Mr. Scott said we could change that date for the TAC and CAC. Chair Anglickis asked if the Lee County MPO is only meeting with Collier once next year. Mr. Scott replied that yes there was only one meeting on the calendar. He mentioned the agreement that went before the Joint MPO Boards at their recent meeting that changed the frequency of meeting to an as needed basis. Mr. Scott said it wasn't voted on because Lee County didn't have a quorum. Mr. Scott suggested meeting around a table instead of in the School Board type atmosphere.

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

Mr. Scott wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The MPOAC Legislative Update was attached to the agenda packet as an information item. Mr. Scott discussed legislation related to MPO composition. Ms. Ann Pierce briefly discussed the legislation related to texting and driving.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Adjournment *Action Items +May Require Action

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