# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, January 4, 2018
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 3:02 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, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, Phillip Boller, Edward Blot, Ron Talone, Ann Pierce, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Larry Wood, and Robert King. Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris with FDOT; Holly Boldrin and Katie Damminger with Priority Marketing; Greg Stuart with Stuart and Associates; Moses Jackson; Jason Green with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; 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 as presented by LeeTran's Wayne Gaither at the 9:00 a.m. Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. Mr. Scott read that LeeTran's Beach Park and Ride, located at Summerlin Square and Pine Ridge, had a Grand Opening Ceremony on December 18, 2017 with full service beginning on December 19, 2017. He also said that ridership was down 5.5% for November. He announced that there were changes to Routes 50 and 130 to include expanded Sunday service.

## Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said FDOT was on the same schedule as last year with applications due next month and preliminary priorities due in spring. He noted TIP development materials would be available in March.

Chair Rick Anglickis decided to take public comment at this time, to avoid holding those up who had come to speak.

## Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Greg Stuart with Stuart and Associates, gave a slide presentation entitled "This Mine Crosses the Line" and handed out an informational flyer on the same subject. He described the mines that are existing and proposed, reviewed a possibly flawed study done on the supposed necessity of the mines, discussed traffic impacts the mines would cause, and urged the committee to tell Lee County no on the rezoning of the Troyer Brothers property. Mr. Ron Gogoi asked about demand. Mr. Stuart said there is enough supply for Lee and surrounding counties through 2038. Mr. Gogoi questioned if the trucks would use Corkscrew. Mr. Stuart said it was not in the submitted plan for them to use Corkscrew. There was a brief discussion on the railway line and possibly using rail to transport mined materials. Mr. Scott mentioned the airport was looking at a study for an intermodal facility, but it has not been funded. Mr.

Robert King mentioned the Alico extension. Mr. Ron Talone commented that approximately one third of the trips are routed east. Mr. Stuart noted the split was about 60% west and 40% east. Mr. Albert O'Donnell suggested staggering the entitlements of mines. Mr. Stuart responded that one of the mines was approved to operate for 50 years. He added that staggering the mines does help with water quality and restoration. Mr. Randy Krise commented that mine allocation doesn't matter if there isn't demand for the product. Mr. Talone mentioned traffic studies done regarding mine operations noting that traffic peaks around 10 a.m. and there is minimal impact on the p.m. rush. Mr. Stuart agreed, stating the morning is usually the issue with regards to traffic. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more questions. There were none. Mr. Stuart thanked the committee for hearing his presentation.

#### **New Business**

## Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the December 7, 2017 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Calandra Barraco pointed out that Mr. Ted Tryka had been omitted from the attendance list for December and noted that the minutes had been amended to reflect his attendance.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve this agenda item for the approval of the December 7, 2017 Meeting Summary with the addition of Mr. Ted Tryka to the list of attendees. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

## Agenda Item #5 - \*Election of Officers for 2018

Chair Anglickis noted that everyone is eligible.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to nominate Mr. Rick Anglickis to continue to serve as Chair. Mr. Albert O'Donnell seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Ann Pierce made the motion to nominate Mr. Albert O'Donnell to continue to serve as Vice-Chair. Mr. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

# Agenda Item #5a - \*Review and Approval of a Proposed TIP Amendment to Add Local Funds for the US 41 WINKLER AVENUE TO SR 82 PROJECT

Mr. Scott presented this walk-on agenda item for the review and approval of a Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment to add local funds to the US 41 Construction Project. He explained the existing FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to add \$3,168,000 in local funds for contamination remediation to the US 41 construction project from Winkler Avenue to SR 82. He noted this project includes bicycle pedestrian safety improvements, utility work, and the resurfacing of this roadway segment. FDOT's request and a description of the total funding for the construction phase was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Krise asked if this means there was something found. Mr. Harris responded no. He said this is added as part of utility projects to prep the soil.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the proposed TIP Amendment to add local funds for the US 41 Winkler Avenue to SR 82 Project. Ms. Ann Pierce seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #6 - +Review and Provide Input on the Proposed LRTP Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and seek input on the proposed amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He mentioned it would be voted on at next month's CAC meeting and then at the February MPO Board meeting. He said the plan would be amended to reflect the project phases for the US 41 and Bonita Beach Road improvements. He commented the City of Bonita Springs is seeking State/Federal funding assistance to implement the improvements identified in their recently completed US 41 Bonita Beach Road Quadrant study. He added the MPO had previously identified a project in the MPO Cost Feasible Plan that is listed as Major Intersections to address intersection improvement phases at major intersections. The funding from that item is then broken out when there is more information that can be used to describe the project phases and corresponding costs for projects as they move forward. He said the proposed underline and strike through changes to the Federal/State Other Arterial project table were attached to the agenda packet. He noted the project list and Existing plus Committed tables were updated to match recent FDOT Work Program and local CIP changes noting Bonita has already spent \$1.2 million plus an additional approximately \$4 million in committed funds. He showed a few project slides from the presentation on the quadrant study given at the last MPO Board meeting and discussed the modeling done. Mr. Krise mentioned last year's presentation that showed out to I-75. Mr. Scott said that is the Vision Study, but they are focusing on the quadrant portion right now. Ms. Pierce referenced the grid in that area and US 41. Mr. Talone asked if the proposed improvements would result in any displacements. Mr. Jim Wurster said residential will not be impacted but there is a portion of a retention pond that will be filled in. Mr. Scott said this item will come back to the committee and be advertised for public involvement. Ms. Pierce commented increasing connectivity is better than making intersections larger.

## Agenda Item #7 - Review of the Lee County Mobility Measures from FDOT

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review the Lee County Mobility Measures that FDOT recently sent to the MPO. He said the Florida Department of Transportation has committed to provide mobility reports for each Metropolitan/Transportation Planning Organization in the state. He added these mobility reports will serve to provide the MPOs with a state of the system analysis similar to what is provided in the FDOT's Multimodal Mobility Performance Measures Source Book. He noted the MPOs can utilize systemwide performance measures to understand their existing conditions and identify mobility trends as this initiative continues. He added a portion of the data that was provided was attached to the agenda packet. He showed slides of the referenced data and reviewed some of the measures including average speed in peak hour, average job accessibility in thirty minutes, percent sidewalk coverage of 66.8%, and percent bike lane coverage of 27.7%. He mentioned that he was researching some of the numerous acronyms. Mr. O'Donnell guestioned the transit numbers for average job accessibility and the total number the calculations were based on. Mr. Scott referenced the American Community Survey and the travel time sheds done in the past. He discussed reliability noting that the table looked better than expected. Mr. Scott also commented that the committee will see more of this in the future. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

## Agenda Item #8 - Update on Research of Origin Destination Options

Mr. Scott provided further information on the research of the origin destination study collection options as a follow up to the prior meeting's discussion on this topic. He referred to a previous quote from AirSage that ran approximately \$70,000 for a week of data from two national carriers and covered Lee and portions of Collier. He commented that the he has done some more research on the origin destination study options. He added he is now looking at StreetLight GPS extraction data. He said it uses INRIX data and can be done regionally for a given time period. Mr. Scott said he will research more studies and have a more definitive scope soon. The committee discussed the type of data obtained and the ways to gather the data. Mr. Ed Blot asked if there was any data collected regarding

Hurricane Irma evacuation. Mr. Scott asked Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris was not sure. Mr. Scott commented that there was most likely some type of data out there from that time frame.

### **Other Business**

## Agenda Item #10 - Announcements

Mr. Ron Gogoi introduced Mr. Jason Green with the Town of Fort Myers Beach. Mr. Green gave a slide presentation on Times Square improvements that include landscaping, drainage, resurfacing, bike/ped, and lighting. There was a brief discussion on the choice of stamped concrete as an alternative and if another medium would be better. Mr. Gogoi noted the lighting project will be submitted after the study is done. He said landscaping could not be funded but pavers could be. Mr. Larry Wood asked if this involved the TPI property. Mr. Green responded yes. Ms. Pierce suggested managing storm water on site with good landscape design. Mr. Green commented that every option is open.

Mr. Krise reminded the committee there would be a Littleton/Kismet Realignment Project public hearing on January 9, 2018 at the Northside Baptist Church.

Mr. Scott announced there would be a Big Carlos Pass Bridge Project meeting on January 18, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wood asked who was hosting the meeting. Mr. Scott replied Lee County, and said he would email the project manager contact name to Mr. Wood.

## Agenda Item #11 - Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott mentioned the TAC suggested the Corkscrew Traffic study presentation.

Mr. Blot suggested follow up on Hurricane Irma evacuation. Mr. Krise mentioned a link on the Lee County government website, lee.gov, that Commissioner Kiker said will have pictures and mapping related to Hurricane Irma. Mr. Harris mentioned that this was the first time contra-flow wasn't allowed on I-75 and everyone was still evacuated on time. There were no further comments.

## Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items

Information on the Big Carlos Bridge Project meeting was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Scott announced the meeting would be on January 18, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

## The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

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