

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, May 3, 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 Vice-Chair Albert O'Donnell at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. There are 26 authorized members and 20 current members. There are 11 members needed for a quorum. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Phillip Boller, 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, Hunter Abel, and Paul Goyette with LeeTran; Nora Demers; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Brian Raimondo, 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. Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He announced that Route 420, the Fort Myers Beach Tram, reached over 100,000 passengers in just ten weeks. He also noted that March 2018 ridership was up three percent, which equates to roughly 355,000 passengers.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report that included an update on the I-75/Corkscrew Road improvements. He said the Corkscrew/I-75 project is still scheduled for Fiscal Year 2018/2109. He said Fiscal Year 2018/2019 begins on July 1, 2018. He noted the typical letting process will take about six months, and then they will look for bids with the project to begin in spring of 2019. Mr. Harris added there was new information from the Village of Estero, and it will be communicated to the project manager. Mr. Scott said there was some discussion on access, and how it will connect with the existing road. Mr. Harris said he did not have those details, but he would try to arrange for the project manager to present to the committees. Mr. Harris indicated that due to his conversation with the Village of Estero, possible modifications will be made to the MOT. Mr. Robert King asked about the egress west bound from Island Club and Corkscrew Woodlands, and what impacts the improvements will have on these communities. Mr. Harris said he would have to speak with FDOT's access management representative Mr. Mark Clark. Mr. King mentioned this might be tied in to the possible traffic light at Lowes or the frontage road to be constructed. Chair O'Donnell said information he received indicated the solution was diverting those communities west on the frontage access road. Mr. King said there was a schedule for the work on the interstate but no schedule for the access road or the traffic signal. Mr. Harris announced there would be a public meeting on the jurisdictional transfer of SR 80 from FDOT to the City of Fort Myers on May 3, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fort Myers City Pier Building. He also said there would be a public meeting for the Able Canal project on May 17, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Veteran's Park in Lehigh.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the April 5, 2018 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the April 5, 2018 Meeting Summary. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He said every two years the MPO develops the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that serves as the budget to indicate what the MPO will be doing over that time period. He noted a draft of the UPWP was submitted to FDOT and FHWA and their comments as well as other comments that have been submitted to date have been addressed in this updated version. Mr. Scott reviewed some items in Task 4.4 including accounting, legal fees, the Estero Bike Ped plan with approval set for June, the Sanibel Bike Ped Plan, performance updates, and the update of the MPO Bike Ped Master Plan. He also mentioned funds that rollover and those being saved for the Long Range Transportation Plan update. He briefly reviewed the overall budget tables and then asked if there were any questions. Mr. Phillip Boller noted the MPO staff salaries remained the same for both years of the UPWP and asked if that meant the MPO staff did not receive raises. Mr. Scott noted the MPO staff recently received a three percent cost of living raise, but it had been several years since they had received raises. Mr. Boller also brought page 110, item six, the amount for the Littleton/Kismet study should be \$309,000 instead of \$150,000. Mr. Scott said that was the amount in the original matrix. Mr. Boller said that might only be half since it was a fifty/fifty split. Mr. Krise added the project should be mostly done since it goes through his land, and he will be receiving a payment in August. Mr. Symroski asked about the CAC membership of Transportation Disadvantaged and Low Income. Vice-Chair O'Donnell said if anyone knows a possible member to refer them to the MPO. Ms. Marion Briggs said she knows someone who would fit one of those categories. Vice-Chair O'Donnell said to just have them send the resume to the MPO.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Brian Raimondo presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the minor update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. He said the TDSP was drafted and approved during the summer of 2013. He said this is the fifth and final year of updates as a new plan will be developed after July 1, 2018. He added for this Minor update, staff and Good Wheels made the changes listed in the agenda packet that include updating page numbers and dates. The entire document can be accessed at: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/T06a.2017-18-TDSP-draft.pdf>. He also noted that when the plan is updated, LeeTran will be consulted as their section will need to be updated as well. He said the new plan will be ready for approval by the end of the year. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked about the drastic increase in funds. Mr. Scott said Mr. Alan Mandel seeks funding from every possible source including LeeTran providing Partnering for Transportation funding. Mr. Symroski asked about Table Six on page 35, no rides being available, and the possible lack of funding. Mr. Raimondo said the life sustaining trips are given the highest priority, with education and employment trips given if funding is still available. Mr. Symroski asked if there is a need to be met with additional funding. Mr. Scott noted that Mr. Mandel would most likely say there is always a need for more funding. Mr. Scott added that Mr. Mandel could come and speak for the approval of the new TDSP.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the minor update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. Mr. Robert King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Federal and State Funded Priorities

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Federal and State Funded Priorities. He referred to the federal and state priority list, attached to the agenda packet and shown on a slide at the meeting, that has been updated to reflect the addition of a new priority for the US 41/Bonita Beach Road Intersection project consistent with the LRTP amendment back in February. He commented that all of the other priorities that were not funded last year remain the same. He explained the funding to new members. Mr. Jim Wurster asked if project number eight was partially completed. Mr. Scott replied no as this section is in Collier County. Mr. Phillip Boller asked if the Cape Coral Evacuation Study was an update to the one done four or five years ago. Mr. Scott said this study would look at other movements, but it was placed in there to seek Cape into matching some of the funding, to have buy in for the project. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked if the total at the bottom matches the amount of funding the MPO expects to receive. Mr. Scott said this amount is more than funding we receive. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked how many projects might be funded. Mr. Scott said possibly through number six, and maybe

some phases of number seven, the San Carlos project. Mr. Scott added the projects are kept on the list to keep them moving. Mr. Harris said the San Carlos project includes interim improvements and asked for US 41 and Bonita if some of these funds are from Bonita local funds. Mr. Scott replied yes and said they are shown in the L RTP. Vice-Chair O'Donnell said it is important to have studies done as it has paid off in the past.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the Federal and State Funded Priorities. Mr. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Review and Provide Input on the Bicycle Pedestrian Project Evaluation Results and Preliminary TA and SU Box Funded Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for review and input on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Evaluation Results and Preliminary TA and SU Box Fund Priorities. He said all the bicycle pedestrian projects that are being considered for TA and SU funds during this year's funding cycle have been evaluated. He added the candidate projects include those projects that have pre-construction phases funded in FDOT's Work Program, projects from last year that didn't get funded, and the new projects from this year that FDOT is currently determining construction viability and project costs. He noted the evaluations were done using the MPO Evaluation Criteria that were attached to the agenda packet. He noted that tweaks to the criteria were shown in blue to make up for changing factors and circumstances. He said the evaluation scores and rankings have been used towards the determination of preliminary priorities for TA and SU Multi-modal box funds. He discussed the project priorities including the Able Canal and Marsh Avenue projects. He said approval is not needed today as this will come back in June for approval. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Draft FY 2018/19 through FY 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft FY 2018/19 through FY 2022/23 Transportation Improvement Program. He noted the draft FY 2018/2019 - FY 2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is located at <http://leemppo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Draft-TIP-042518.pdf> for the Committees review prior to final approval that will occur at the June meeting. He continued with a highlight of some of the TIP projects including fixing the map for the I-75/Corkscrew project and the SR 82 Shawnee to Alabama project being moved up. He mentioned he called for local CIPs to be updated at the TAC meeting. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked if the full TIP was included in the agenda packet. Mr. Scott said a link was included as this was only the draft. He said the entire final UPWP will be included in the June agenda packet. Vice-Chair O'Donnell asked if there were any comments. There were none. Mr. Scott also mentioned that the new LeeTran 5339 funding will be added to the final TIP.

Agenda Item #10 - Report on the Data Collection at the Intersection of Daniels Parkway and Treeline Avenue

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to report on the Data Collection at the Intersection of Daniels Parkway and Treeline Avenue. He said the Lee County MPO contracted with FTE to monitor conflicts between cyclists and motorists at the intersection of Daniels Parkway and Treeline Avenue through the deployment of video equipment and Monovision traffic data collection system. He added this is being done to get conditions prior to the implementation of bicycle boxes as part of the upcoming resurfacing project. He noted the monitoring was conducted on the following days:

Tuesday, March 6 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 7 from 7:30 AM to 11 AM
Sunday, March 11 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 17 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

He said the days and the times selected for the video recording coincide with regular rides taken by members of the Calusa Riders Bicycle Club. He added these specific days were picked because vehicular traffic was expected to be at its highest in the Daniels Parkway corridor due to the baseball spring training games. He said the tables that show the number of cyclists using the intersection on the 4 days during the study hours, and they are broken down by those that made U turns, made left turn movements using the existing left turn lanes, those who did two stage bicycle left turns, and those who rode straight through the intersection were attached to the agenda packet.

He noted the tables also include the number of infractions caused by motorists and cyclists while traveling through the intersection. He showed some video clips taken during the study. Ms. Marion Briggs inquired if the cyclist club was asked to come out and ride on those days. Mr. Scott said they did not know the days the data was being collected. Mr. Gogoi said the data for Wednesday couldn't be collected as the weather was not good. He also mentioned that he asked FDOT about the signage suggested by the CAC, and they said no. He said the BPCC also suggested signage, so he will reach out to FDOT again with a signage request. He added FHWA was interested in the bike box idea.

Agenda Item #11 - Information on the new Interchange Access Request Process Requirements

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the new Interchange Access Request Process Requirements. He referred to the Power Point that lays out the new process requirements for getting changed or new access to the Interstate that was presented by FDOT to the MPO Board on March 16th and attached to the agenda packet. He further discussed information on the changes and provided some of the discussion that occurred at the meeting including Mr. Lawrence Massey's suggestion to conduct the PD&E and IJR together. He provided the contact information for FDOT's Interchange Coordinator, Chris Simpron.

Other Business

Agenda Item #12 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Nora Demers asked for follow up on a presentation she made at the previous meeting regarding suggestions from Mr. Thomas Kanell to improve LeeTran. She said Mr. Kanell has been waiting over a year for a report from LeeTran. Mr. Scott said Mr. Steve Myers requested more time to get back with the MPO. Vice-Chair O'Donnell noted the CAC asked LeeTran to analyze some of the simpler options of cutting routes in half.

Agenda Item #13 - Announcements

Mr. D'Juan Harris announced that District One Secretary L. K. Nandam had selected a new Southwest Area Office Director, Mr. Wayne Gaither. He said Mr. Gaither's first day is Friday, May 4, 2018. He also provided Mr. Gaither's contact information: wayne.gaither@dot.state.fl.us

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

The topics suggested for next meeting included the final version of the TIP priorities, a presentation on the Able Canal, and a possible presentation on SR 78. There was a brief discussion on the ATMS signalization project. Mr. Gogoi said that ATMS Phase II had started on Monday. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the Incident Management System that includes a \$14 million dollar screen. He said the district received money, but the program is only functional between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. He said they are working on coordinating with FDOT to have the system transferred, so it could operate outside those hours. Mr. Jim Wurster asked if there would be a June meeting. Mr. Scott said there will be a June meeting but possibly no July or August meetings due to the local governments being on break. Mr. Wurster asked if there would be a joint meeting with Collier. Mr. Scott said it is scheduled for October. He added the MPO Board wanted to cut meetings so the MPO selected the meetings that could be pulled.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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