

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, August 2, 2018
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990



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. A quorum was present. 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, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Phillip Boller, Rick Anglickis, Ron Talone, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Larry Wood, Robert King, Moses Jackson, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included D'Juan Harris and Sarah Catala 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 gave the LeeTran report that was presented at the earlier TAC meeting by LeeTran's Levi McCollum. He said that LeeTran's seasonal service will begin November 2018 with the downtown Fort Myers trolleys. He continued that both the Blue and Gold lines will return this year, providing fare-free public transit options for Fort Myers and North Fort Myers. He added that LeeTran will have seasonal service on Fort Myers Beach beginning in January 2019. He said the routes 410 and 490 will replace the 400. He noted the fare-free tram on Fort Myers Beach will operate from Bowditch Point to Matanzas Pass Preserve. He also said that LeeTran supports Agenda Item #9 and thanked the Lee County MPO for its recommendation to write the letter of support for the Rosa Parks Transportation Center to maintain its SIS designation and be included in the new Smart Growth classification. Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions. Ms. Marion Briggs asked if LeeTran would consider expanding service to the Lee/Charlotte line in North Fort Myers. Mr. Scott said there had been some discussion in the past on linkups with Charlotte's transit service on an as needed basis. He said he would find out more information and get back with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. Mr. Harris said they are developing the new draft work program for FY 2020 through 2024 with an epublic hearing scheduled for October 15 – 19, and a presentation to the MPO Board on October 19, 2018. He added that the new draft work program will be brought to the committees at their September meetings. He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #3.5 – New Member Introduction

Chair Anglickis introduced the newest member of the CAC, Mr. Moses Jackson. He asked Mr. Jackson to tell the committee about himself. Mr. Jackson thanked everyone for their encouragement to join. He said he is from Fort Myers, graduated from Cypress Lake High School, and a Lee County School District employee. He also said he is currently running for Lee County School Board. Chair Anglickis welcomed Mr. Jackson to the committee.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 7, 2018 CAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Phillip Boller made the motion to approve the June 7, 2018 Meeting Summary. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Aviation Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Lee County Port Authority's priorities for aviation projects at the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Page Field Airport. He explained that the Lee County Port Authority has submitted its latest priorities for aviation projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field for endorsement by the MPO. He noted the projects are a repeat from last year with the addition of money for the purchase of a new gang way. He also reviewed several of the projects on the list including the construction of the new air traffic control tower, the terminal expansion, and the resurfacing projects. The priority list was handed out at the meeting and emailed prior to the meeting. He noted there were additional funds needed for these projects and that is why the requests have been repeated. He asked if there were any questions. Mr. Ty Symroski asked if more gates would be added to the terminal expansion. Mr. Gogoi said no, the master airport layout does call for two additional concourses but they are not part of this scope. He added that the FAA decided a second runway was not necessary, and the tower and expansion must be completed first. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC had any additions or comments at their meeting earlier in the day. Mr. Gogoi replied no.

Mr. Ron Talone made the motion to approve the Aviation Priorities. Mr. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked about the terminal expansion and where the funds come from. Mr. Gogoi said the funds are non-aviation revenues. Mr. O'Donnell clarified that the funds are not Lee County funds. Mr. Scott said the funds are fees that the airport receives. Mr. O'Donnell gave the example of landing fees. Mr. Scott replied yes. Mr. O'Donnell further clarified that none of the funds are local tax dollars. Mr. Gogoi replied they are not. Mr. O'Donnell asked if it was the same for Page Field. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the funding for Page Field is separate from the airport. Mr. Gogoi said possibly. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote.

There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the fiscal year 2018 roll forward amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which are inserted at the end of the TIP. The list was attached to the agenda packet. He said each year there are projects that are 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 include leftover money from sidewalks and also from larger projects like SR 82. He added these projects will automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in the MPO's TIP. He said this amendment is being done to account for the roll forward projects within the TIP, and he asked for approval.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Roll Forward Amendments. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if these projects have all been previously prioritized, ranked, and funded. Mr. Scott replied yes.

There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Presentation on the City of Fort Myers Mid-Town Development Plan

Mr. Scott gave this presentation for the City of Fort Myers on their Mid-Town Development Plan. This was the same presentation given earlier at the TAC. He explained the Midtown Vision Plan is a long term conceptual plan for redeveloping the Midtown area of Downtown Fort Myers. The PowerPoint presentation can be viewed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Midtown-presentation-6-26-18.pdf> Mr. Scott showed the map of the area. He then went through the slide show including the objectives, outreach, current effort, Mid-Town Vision Plan, and goals and preferences. Mr. Scott said the City would be conducting studies to determine the demand for office space, housing, and retail. He also mentioned the potential roundabouts, taking out the stadium, and network improvements of adding roads. He continued the presentation with slides on the integrated downtown

redevelopment strategy, comparative densities, next steps, and project website. He asked if there were any questions. Mr. Talone referenced the roundabout at Edison/Broadway commenting it would be nice to have internal roundabouts to help move traffic. Mr. Boller asked if all of the development is in the CRA. Mr. Scott replied he did not think so. Ms. Briggs said they are using some City owned land and there was some pushback from the community on a proposed employee housing high rise. Mr. Talone asked if they planned on keeping the LeeTran bus station. Mr. Scott replied yes, they intend on making the area more multi-modal friendly and that is a part of that. Mr. Symroski asked if there would be commercial at grade level. Mr. Scott replied yes. Mr. Symroski said this plan is attractive due to the mix of commercial and residential. The committee briefly discussed the combination of commercial and residential. Chair Anglickis asked about the new hotel. Mr. Scott said that was in the downtown area, not the midtown area. Mr. Scott said they are trying to make the area more walkable and connected. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the 2045 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan

Ms. Sarah Catala with FDOT presented this agenda item as a review of the 2045 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan. The statewide 2045 SIS Cost Feasible Plan (CFP) was attached to the agenda packet. She gave a Power Point presentation that included the purpose of the SIS 2045 CFP, explanation of the process, funding and distribution, noteworthy projects, and contact information. The Plan and presentation can be found here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/T08-7.pdf> She asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Talone asked about I 75 going from six lanes to ten lanes. Ms. Catala gave the history of the project dating back to the 1990s. Mr. O'Donnell asked if there were issues with water retention. Ms. Catala replied yes. Mr. Scott mentioned the Daniels ponds that are in the way. Mr. Talone referenced the constraints of the Caloosahatchee bridge. Ms. Catala said there is no pre-determined outcome as that is the purpose of the PD&E. Mr. O'Donnell asked if a managed lane is the same as a toll lane. Ms. Catala replied that the PD&E will include an Origin and Destination study as well as a Toll and Revenue study. She noted the past policy has been to toll anything over six lanes but there is now flexibility. There was a brief discussion on managed lanes, high occupancy vehicles lanes, and toll projects. Ms. Catala noted that District Six, which includes Miami, does not have a high dollar funding amount due to the fact that they are constrained. She said they are now pushing transit. Mr. Symroski referenced the Cost Feasible Plan and its assumption of revenues asking if needs are being met. Mr. Scott replied that I 75 currently has no construction funding through 2045 so needs are not being met. Mr. Scott referred to preparations being made in Tennessee for autonomous vehicles with the introduction of a fee on vehicle miles travelled. Chair Anglickis commented it was a good idea. Mr. Scott said there would be more discussion at the next meeting on funding. There was a brief discussion on gas taxes and funding. Mr. Scott noted the federal and local gas taxes were not indexed. Chair Anglickis said the discussion would continue at the next meeting. He thanked Ms. Catala for her presentation.

Agenda Item #9 - *Review and Approval of a Letter of Support for the Strategic Growth Designation for the Rosa Parks Transit Center

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of a letter of support requesting FDOT to designate Rosa Parks Transit Center as a Strategic Growth Interregional Passenger Terminal. Mr. Gogoi explained that FDOT is updating its Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) policy. He said the update includes changes to structure designation and criteria. He continued that structure designation changes include elimination of the Emerging SIS designation and creation of a new Strategic Growth designation. He said comments on the changes can be provided online at <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4395271/FL-SIS-Public-Comment-Survey> until August 30th. He further explained that the policy update will impact the Downtown Fort Myers Rosa Parks Transit Center as it being recommended for de-designation as an SIS facility. FDOT is also not recommending it for the new Strategic Growth designation, although it meets the criteria. He said projections for this facility, that is collocated with Greyhound, show that annual interregional bus passengers will meet the minimum 50,000 passenger level to be a SIS facility within 3 years. He noted a sample of the letter was attached to the agenda packet. He also mentioned that LeeTran is currently working with Megabus to add service to Fort Myers. Mr. Symroski asked how far this is from the Mid-Town area. Mr. Scott said it is in it. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC endorsed the letter. Mr. Gogoi replied yes.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Letter of Support for the Strategic Growth Designation for Rosa Parks Transit Center. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - +Update on the Development of the Long Range Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the development of the Long Range Plan and the Regional Travel Model. He referenced the current Regional Model development schedule that was attached to the agenda packet with the completion time consistent with District One MPO's requirement of approving the 2045 Long Range Plans by December of 2020. He handed out the rough scope for the socio-economic data. He noted FDOT's consultant has been working on the 2015 base year and will soon be providing that data for review by each MPO prior to validation work. He added the socio-economic data for the last Long Range Plan update (for 2040) was produced as part of the land use scenario project that was conducted about five years ago. He commented this time around some of the local jurisdictions, like Cape Coral and Lehigh, have done quite a bit of future housing, population, commercial and industrial projections using forecasting models. He said last time the local jurisdictions were brought together to discuss the data. He also mentioned the Federal guidance for implementing requirements for the Long Range Plan updates that was also attached to the agenda packet. He commented on the direction provided by FHWA that included making all of the tables look the same and including the FDOT revenue forecast in the appendix. Mr. Scott noted that we don't receive close to what the FDOT revenue forecast states. Mr. Talone commented that it raises false expectations for funding. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the revenue forecast was originally removed as it is better to underdeliver than overpromise. Mr. Scott said the TAC conversation also indicated it is best to show all of the information. Mr. Scott mentioned that Sarasota County was not even getting I 75 expansion, which has been noted to have failing segments before our projected failing segments. Ms. Catala referenced a new reliever road in Sarasota. Mr. O'Donnell said that Lee County lost theirs. Mr. Symroski commented that the needs were based on the projections. Mr. Scott said years ago the projections did not show Lee County reaching one million but now we will surpass that. He also noted that ridesharing is adding more trips. Mr. O'Donnell noted that Three Oaks was funded with private money and that is why it is good to have all needs on paper, even if they aren't funded. Mr. Scott Gilbertson asked if the name should be changed to the Unfunded Plan. Mr. Scott said the problem was the large amount of funds needed. Mr. O'Donnell mentioned the real time data that is available now due to cell phones. Mr. Scott said the MPO is in contact with a firm, Street Light, that does a very large sampling of big data like that. Mr. O'Donnell also mentioned photometric sensors to count cars and speed. Mr. Gogoi noted the county already has a system in place called Blue Toad. Mr. Symroski mentioned sea level rise and the need for transparency as we are a coastal community. He said a decision did not need to be made now but it should be made on the best available data that factors hurricanes and sea level rise. Mr. Scott said Bonita was conducting a study on addressing stormwater impacts. He said there are many issues like tourism and autonomous vehicles that need to be accounted for in the scenario planning. Mr. O'Donnell mentioned that the land surveys are a foot higher due to a recent system conversion. Mr. Symroski again stated that sea level rise is real and engineering assumptions are generally conservative. Mr. Scott said next month's meeting discussion will be on revenue.

Agenda Item #11 - *Recommendation on Establishing Targets for Bridge and Pavement Performance Measures

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for a recommendation on establishing targets for Pavement, Bridge and System Performance. He said at the January MPO Board meeting, the Board adopted Safety Performance Measures that supported FDOT Performance Measure Targets consistent with the Federal Highway requirements of establishing targets by the due date. He added FHWA has now established an additional set of performance measures for Pavement, Bridge and System Performance for the National Highway System (NHS) and freight. He continued the FDOT performance measure targets have recently been released and that information was attached to the agenda packet. He reviewed the measures. He said based on the guidance from FHWA, FDOT will make risk-based decisions from a long-term assessment of the National Highway System (NHS), and other public roads included in the plan, as it relates to managing its physical assets and laying out a set of investment strategies to address the condition and system performance gaps. He added each MPO has until November 16, 2018 to accept the FDOT targets, or to develop their own targets. He continued by November 16, 2018, each MPO must include a narrative description of the Bridge and Pavement measures and system performance, freight, and anticipated effects the projects will have collectively on meeting these targets. He also said the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) will need to include narratives on the performance measures, either by the next major update or if the current LRTP gets amended after July of 2018. He noted that the bridges and pavement in Florida are fairly well maintained. He said that no one is taking anything different as there is no funding to do better than the targets. Chair Anglickis asked if this had already been approved. Mr. Scott said those were for safety. Mr. Scott then showed the 2015 spread sheet and said he

was trying to make it more user friendly. Mr. O'Donnell asked for one example that fails. Mr. Scott said Colonial near I 75. Mr. O'Donnell referred back to his point about more recent data. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more questions. There were none. Mr. Scott said a recommendation needed to be made.

Mr. Scott Gilbertson made the motion to adopt FDOT's Targets. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Review of the 2019 MPO Meeting Calendar

Mr. Scott said the MPO staff has compiled dates for the 2019 MPO meetings based on the bylaws of the Board and the different committees to begin scheduling the rooms. The 2019 meeting calendar was attached to the agenda packet. Chair Anglickis asked about the April and July meetings being left off. Mr. Scott said there may be a joint meeting with the TAC to discuss the LRTP, like we did previously during the development of the 2040 Plan. Chair Anglickis said the calendar looked good. He asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Other Business

Agenda Item #13 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #14 - Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

The topic suggested for next meeting included LRTP funding.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the list of aviation priorities, the draft scope for the LRTP socio-economic data, and an 11x17 version of the SIS CFP.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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