

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, October 4, 2018  
South County Regional Library  
21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero FL 33928  
**3:00 p.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Rick Anglickis at 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. A quorum was present. There are 26 authorized members and 19 current members. There are 10 members needed for a quorum. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Rick Anglickis, Ron Talone, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ty Symroski, Larry Wood, Robert King, Moses Jackson, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters with FDOT; Nora Demers; Steve Henry; Levi McCollum with LeeTran; 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. Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He showed slides including November 2018 Service Changes, January 2019 Service Changes, Tools & Data, Analysis of Recommendations, and Considerations. He then asked if there were any questions. The entire LeeTran presentation can be viewed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/LeeTran-TAC-20181004.pptx> Mr. Larry Wood asked if the vehicle from Summerlin to the beach is a tandem vehicle and where it stops. Mr. McCollum replied that the vehicle is a trolley, and it stops in Times Square. Mr. Wood was concerned about the trolley's route that involves turning on Crescent, an already congested area. Mr. McCollum said he understands the concern, and the route can be modified if there are issues. Mr. Randy Krise asked where it embarks/disembarks. Mr. McCollum said there is a new stop on San Carlos just north of Main Street. There was a brief discussion on LeeTran stops on the island. Mr. Krise questioned how the Lehigh on demand route that Mr. McCollum mentioned in his presentation would work. Mr. Don Scott noted that was in reference to Mr. Thomas Kanell's presentation given to the CAC in May. Mr. Krise then asked if LeeTran was in favor of an on demand route from Lehigh to the airport. Mr. McCollum replied no. Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked how to get the real-time bus information. Mr. McCollum said it was available on the LeeTran website and on the LeeTran app. He noted the real time data was also being gathered for analysis. Mr. Ty Symroski asked how the seasonal population change was being accounted for in the demographic data. Mr. McCollum said he isn't sure how the American Community Survey takes that into account, but LeeTran adds extra time in season to account for traffic. Ms. Marion Briggs asked how many riders buy passes in advance. Mr. McCollum said he did not have exact numbers. He said he would find out and present the information at the next meeting. He noted that most passengers buy the seven trip pass or the weekly pass. Chair Anglickis thanked Mr. McCollum for the report.

### **Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report**

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT gave the FDOT report. She introduced herself as the Collier FDOT liaison and noted she was filling in for Mr. D'Juan Harris as he had been promoted and was out of town for training. She said the epublic hearing for the new work program would take place December 3 – 7 with Mr. Harris hosting an in person session at the Lakes Regional Library on December 3 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. She also mentioned that FDOT would be holding a mobility week October 27 – November 3. She noted Mr. Gogoi had mentioned that FDOT's Commuter Services is working with the Lehigh Fire Department, and she will get more information on that.

### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of the September 6, 2018 CAC Meeting Summary**

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the September 6, 2018 Meeting Summary. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

## Old Business

### **Agenda Item #4 - Follow up Transit Recommendations Video by Thomas Kanell**

Mr. Scott mentioned that Mr. Thomas Kanell had a thirty minute video that he made regarding his recommendations for the transit system in Lee County. The video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/A3zLZR4aGEO> Mr. Scott asked if the CAC would like to view the video or have it sent to them for home-viewing. Mr. Scott noted the earlier discussion at the TAC to include an analysis of the transit system as part of the LRTP update. Chair Anglickis asked if the CAC would like the video sent out as a link. The CAC agreed by general consensus to have the video link emailed.

## New Business

### **Agenda Item #6 - +Review and Comment on the Draft Joint Regional Lee Collier Coordination Agreement**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the draft Joint Regional Lee and Collier Coordination Agreement that was attached to the agenda packet. He handed out the newly revised version. Mr. Scott noted that the Collier MPO had previously revised the Joint Regional Coordination Agreement but at their last MPO Board meeting there were discussions regarding some additional changes. He added the Lee MPO staff has made a few additional changes, in underline and strike through format. He said one of the changes was to meet on an as needed basis due to an inability to achieve quorum at the past two joint meetings. He said the wording was changed to allow staff to present items as needed. He noted that the update of the LRTP may necessitate a joint meeting. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a joint meeting on the calendar for 2019. Mr. Scott replied no, not for Collier, just the October date where it has been held in the past. He said there is a joint MPO Board meeting on the calendar for Charlotte, but this is only for the MPO Board and not for the TAC/CAC. Mr. Scott said he would take any comments on the document. Mr. Scott noted there are representatives from Collier and Charlotte MPOs on the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Krise reaffirmed that the meetings only need to be held when necessary. Mr. Scott agreed, noting that because the wording said there needed to be a meeting every year, often agenda items were made up as there was no pertinent business to discuss. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

### **Agenda Item #7 - \*Approve the Support of the Annual FDOT Safety Targets**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to approve the support of the Annual FDOT Safety Targets. The annual FDOT safety performance targets were attached to the agenda packet and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is requiring that the FDOT and the MPO's around the State take action on setting the various performance measure targets each year and to also meet the reporting requirements. He noted earlier this year, the MPO took action to support FDOT's safety targets for 2018 and for 2019 FDOT has notified the MPO that they are staying with the vision zero target for all five safety measures. He said the MPO has until February 27, 2019 to accept FDOT's targets or to come up with their own and report on those. He referred to the safety performance measures that apply to all public roads and are listed below:

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

Mr. Scott showed additional slides on recent pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle injury and fatality statistics. Mr. Scott reiterated that the MPO recommends adopting FDOT's targets. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

**Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to approve the support of the Annual FDOT Safety Targets. Mr. Ron Talone seconded the motion.**

Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Robert King asked if there were any economic benefits for not meeting the targets. Mr. Scott said what he has been hearing is that if we weren't currently spending all safety money on safety, we would be required to change that. He added that some states are doing more reasonable safety targets and he is interested in what FHWA will say about our targets later on in the process. He mentioned a comment from Ed Blot about removing some of the FDOT provided text, although we can't remove what we don't write. Ms. Peters asked Mr. Scott to send her the comment. Mr. Scott said he would. Chair Anglickis asked if the committee was ready to vote.

**There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Presentation on Electric Bicycle, Scooters**

Mr. Don Scott introduced this agenda item noting that there was now an app that has several different modes of transportation and selects which is best for your trip. Mr. Ron Gogoi then presented this agenda item on electric bicycles and scooters. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/E-bike-and-Scooter-2-Revised.pptx> His presentation includes slides on ebike sales, ebike regulations, and FL Statutes. Mr. O'Donnell asked if the statutes were Florida or Federal. Mr. Gogoi replied Florida. Ms. Briggs asked if a license was needed for ebikes. Mr. Gogoi replied no. Ms. Briggs questioned if those that have DUIs and lose their license can use these. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. He then showed a slide on Safety Concerns noting that European laws are more strict. Mr. O'Donnell commented that ebikes could be used on private land. Mr. Gogoi agreed. He noted that ebikes lack standard safety features required on roadworthy vehicles like head lamp, back lamp, and turn signals. He also mentioned that Fort Myers Beach has the only local government regulation of ebikes known in Florida that was passed over safety concerns. He noted he was informed at the TAC that Fort Myers Beach is reviewing the regulations. Mr. Scott said it was due to accessibility concerns. Mr. Gogoi then showed slides on reasons ebikes are becoming popular, escooter shared mobility, and escooter business model. Mr. O'Donnell asked where the scooters are left after they are rented if they are dockless. Mr. Gogoi noted that is one of the problems, people are leaving them anywhere. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with slides on Florida local government escooter programs, public perceptions of escooters, and safety concerns of escooters. Mr. Symroski asked how this compares with bicycle accidents. Mr. Gogoi said he hasn't compared. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with his slide on safety concerns and then asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Scott noted he wasn't as concerned on the regulation side as there will always be a problem with enforcement. He said he was most concerned with the safety aspect as injuries will increase. He commented it is also difficult to tell if the user is pedaling or under motor power. He added that this is great from a mobility side. He also questioned if the facilities being built are correct for what is coming. Mr. Gogoi said that Fort Myers Beach is concerned with the current density of pedestrians already on the sidewalk. Mr. Scott said there are already limits in places for where scooters can ride. Mr. Symroski said it could be viewed as an opportunity from a mobility side as he rides his bicycle on Sanibel when the roads are too congested to drive a car. He said that there should be ways this could be included as part of the solution. Mr. Jim Wurster asked if it was possible to get a copy of the presentation. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. Chair Anglickis moved on to the next agenda item.

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Review and Discuss the Preliminary Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Analysis**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and discussion of the preliminary bicycle safety analysis. He said he will have to bring this item back to the TAC as he didn't have time to present it at their meeting. He said the MPO staff has been working on the analysis of the Bicycle Pedestrian crashes as part of the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. He said the update has included looking at crash trends to help identify proposed countermeasures. He referenced the crash map that was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. He said there are discrepancies between the FDOT numbers and the MPO numbers for crash data. Chair Anglickis commented that there was a large number for the unincorporated areas. Mr. Scott said he might be able to separate that out into more specific areas. He then showed slides of the distracted drivers crash tree, noting these were only the incidents that could be proven to be distracted. He then showed slides of the impaired road user crash tree, the lighting conditions crash tree, the posted speed crash tree for pedestrians, and the posted speed crash tree cyclists. He then asked if there were any questions or comments. He added we have also begun to look at before and after analysis to quantify the bicycle and pedestrian crashes before and after the implementation of improvements. He asked that the CAC let him know if there was any additional analysis they could think of. He said this would be brought back for further review. He added that it would be tough to

choose one area to focus on as the crash map shows the incidents are so spread out. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any thoughts on this item. There were none. He thanked Mr. Scott for the presentation.

### **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 noted that FDOT had planned to release its work program in October but has since postponed until December. He said the December meeting was originally cancelled but now the MPO Board has to meet in December, so the MPO Board decided to cancel their November meeting. He announced the November TAC/CAC meetings would be cancelled as well.

#### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

There were no topics suggested for next meeting. Chair Anglickis suggested an updated roster.

#### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included a page on the use of temporary roundabouts after the hurricane in Wilmington, N.C. There was a brief discussion of traffic control measures used in Michigan. Mr. Kevin Berry mentioned that it was his first official meeting. He said he deals with ADA concerns and had business cards if anyone had questions related to that. There was a brief discussion on ADA regulations. Chair Anglickis asked if there was any further business. There was none.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.**

\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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