

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, December 6, 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 3:03 p.m.

The roll was called. There are 26 authorized members and 21 current members. There are 10 members needed for a quorum. A quorum was present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Steve Henry, Randy Krise, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Robert King, Kevin Berry, Moses Jackson, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included Nora Demers; John Majka; D'Juan Harris with FDOT; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott and Calandra Barraco.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

Chair Anglickis moved to Agenda Item #3 to allow MPO staff to retrieve the LeeTran report given at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. D'Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced the epublic hearing for the Draft Tentative Work Program will be December 3 through December 28, 2018 on www.swflroads.com. He said this was his last meeting as he will now be LAP/JPA Project Manager. He added Mr. Michael Tisch was recently hired to replace him as liaison. Chair Anglickis said Mr. Harris will be missed.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott read the LeeTran report given by Mr. Levi McCollum at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Scott said seasonal service for Fort Myers Beach will begin on January 3, 2019. There was a brief discussion on LeeTran using several Beach Park and Ride spots to store their vehicles.

Chair Anglickis introduced the new CAC members present, Mr. Derrick Donnell and Mr. Steve Henry. He gave each new member an opportunity to tell the rest of the CAC members about themselves.

New Business

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

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the October 4, 2018 Meeting Summary. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of an Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for the I-75/Corkscrew Road Project

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for approval of an Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to revise the I-75/Corkscrew Road project length and cost to match what is currently being designed/constructed. The revised TIP sheet was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. Mr. Scott said the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 is being amended to change the I-75/Corkscrew Road project length and cost to match the actual project length that is being revised from .983 to 1.392 miles and the project cost that is being revised from \$5,559,433 to \$7,057,740. Mr. Scott said this project will begin next year. Mr. Derrick Donnell questioned how the increase was calculated. Mr. Scott replied the project costs were recalculated to reflect the increased length as well as the increased project costs. Mr. Donnell asked for a list of acronyms. Ms. Barraco provided a list of acronyms to Mr. Donnell.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program for the I-75/Corkscrew Road project. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - +Review and Comment on the FDOT FY 2019/2020 through FY 2023/2024 Tentative Work Program

Mr. D’Juan Harris presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the Draft Tentative FDOT Work Program for FY 2019/2020 through FY 2023/2024. The Draft Tentative Work Program was attached to the agenda packet. The presentation given by Mr. Harris can be viewed here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/BPAC_Presentation-Condensed.pptx Mr. Harris noted that the new Southwest Area Office Director, Mr. Wayne Gaither, was involved in the development of the Work Program which is usually done completely by District One staff in Bartow. Mr. Harris said this document covers the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 and is developed consistent with FDOT’s plans and project priorities, the MPO’s project priorities, and the available funding. He showed slides on the Five Year Draft Work Program development and the project development phases. He also reviewed the summary of changes spreadsheet that includes projects that were added, deferred, or deleted. Mr. Ty Symroski asked if the Cape Evacuation Study will come through the CAC. Mr. Harris replied yes. Mr. Scott added the scope will come through the committees. Mr. Harris continued reviewing and asked if there were any questions. There was a brief discussion on the summary of changes sheet and several of the projects that had been added. Mr. Donnell asked how many counties were in this MPO. Mr. Scott replied this MPO is only Lee County. He added that District One has twelve counties, including Lee. Mr. Donnell asked if there is a prioritization process for projects. Mr. Scott explained the priorities are done in spring of each year and yes there is a prioritization process. Mr. Harris continued with his slides including website resources and contact information. Mr. Scott gave a brief presentation on comparison of priorities including STP and State funded, bike/ped, and SRTS project priorities. Mr. Scott noted that revenues were down and cost estimates are up. There was a brief discussion on vehicle miles traveled and other possible revenue impacts. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #7 - Review of the 2015 Base Year Data for the Transportation Model Update

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the 2015 base year data that is being used for the Regional Transportation Model update. He said FDOT’s consultant that has been working on the update of the Regional Transportation model has updated the base year model data files for each Traffic Analysis Zone with 2015 data in preparation for the development of the next District One Regional Model. He added this data is now available for review and some was included in the agenda packet. He said the data includes dwelling units, auto ownership, and hotels. He pointed out the hotel and employment discrepancies raised at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He asked the committee to review the data to see if any of the data seems unreasonable. Mr. Symroski questioned how the hotel percentages were calculated. Mr. Albert O’Donnell suggested the rate was annual. There was a discussion on seasonal and international visitors and if they are factored into the data. Mr. Scott said the models should match up with the measured counts. Mr. Scott noted the traffic analysis zones are now renumbered to match changes that were requested by each of the MPOs. There was a brief discussion on traffic counts. Mr. Donnell asked the impact of the data. Mr. Scott said it is used to build the model, existing conditions are taken and extrapolated to 2045. Mr. O’Donnell noted that hotels generate more trips. Mr. O’Donnell asked if the model was run for last March does it match the actual counts we have now or is it at least in the ten percent range. Mr. Scott replied yes for the base year but he mentioned there are locations where the existing traffic is higher than predicted in 2040. Mr. Scott referenced the Executive Committee discussion on using median BEBR numbers and looking at four previous times of comparison to the projections to current conditions where there were two times that were correct and two times where they were off. Mr. O’Donnell asked if the numbers were incorrect during the recession. Mr. Scott replied yes, or coinciding with some other event. Chair Anglickis referenced the employment drop in between 2010 and 2015. Mr. Scott noted it looks odd because employment should have been lower in 2010 than 2015. Chair Anglickis agreed and said that is a question worth exploring. Mr. Scott said he will bring more information to a future meeting.

Agenda Item #8 - +Discuss the SR 80 Shoreland Drive to Buckingham Road Sidewalk Project

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a discussion item on the SR 80 Shoreland Drive to Buckingham Road project in preparation for the project discussion at the next MPO Board meeting. Mr. Scott said the SR 80 sidewalk project from Shoreland Drive to Buckingham Road (north side of the road) came up at the last MPO Board meeting from a public comment made by Mr. John Majka at the meeting regarding the impacts to driveway access to two businesses within the project limits. He added the MPO Board gave direction to bring back an agenda item for the next meeting to provide the background and project history. He reviewed a list of milestones for the project going back to when it was first included as priority for an with foot sidewalk back in 2005, then a ten foot in 2014, and back to an eight foot in 2018 due to changes in FDOT's maintenance policies. The history was also attached to the agenda packet. He showed another slide showing a map of the SUN Trail system in our area and an additional information slide. Mr. Scott then introduced the property owner that spoke at the MPO Board meeting, Mr. John Majka, to provide additional information regarding his concerns. Mr. Majka showed his own presentation including slides on the driveway currently at Superior Sheds. Mr. Majka noted his driveway was originally permitted in 1964 and is currently 98 feet wide which allows sufficient access for delivery of the sheds. He said FDOT wants to narrow his driveway to 24 feet and although a narrow driveway may be safer, this does not allow enough room for the delivery of sheds. Mr. Krise noted he had a similar situation with a property on US 41 and the access had to be modified. Mr. Krise questioned what Mr. Majka was asking from the CAC. Mr. Majka said support and maybe flexible delineators could be used. Chair Anglickis asked Mr. Scott what the CAC could do. Mr. Scott noted the MPO Board looks at the bigger issues of planning and not the detailed issues of design. Mr. Majka said he could possibly lease the land and the path could be reconfigured to fit. Mr. O'Donnell noted the CAC would be in a better position to help if Mr. Majka had a clear solution. There was a brief discussion on the impacts on other businesses along SR 80. Mr. Symroski said that although he is sympathetic this is not a committee that designs driveways. He added that they might be able to endorse something if it was more solid and specific. Mr. Harris noted for full disclosure, there is currently an administrative hearing scheduled between FDOT and Mr. Majka. He added that FDOT is not permitted to speak without an attorney present. Chair Anglickis asked if anything said or done by the CAC would impact FDOT's decision. Mr. Harris replied no. Mr. Majka referred to a letter written by Commissioner Mann that was being used against him, he thanked the committee, and added the EOR was forbidden to speak with him. Mr. Donnell said this discussion made him uncomfortable as he did not see the jurisdiction of the committee with respect to this issue in relation to the purpose of the committee. Chair Anglickis admitted the conversation had gone too far and there was nothing the CAC could do unless there was a specific proposal. Mr. Symroski noted there is an administrative process for this issue to be handled and resolved, and the CAC should not step in. Mr. O'Donnell said this was a reasonable forum to address the issue but without design implications. Chair Anglickis asked when the hearing was. Mr. Majka replied January 26, 2019. Chair Anglickis suggested there might be something the committee could do if a more specific proposal was brought back at the next meeting. Mr. Majka thanked the committee.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Federal Certification Report

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Federal Certification Report. He said the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) held a certification review of the Lee County MPO on April 30th and May 1st and have now released their report. He added there is one corrective action that was identified in the report relating to how we show the financial plan and fiscal constraint in the Long Range Plan. He said this involves making the charts match and doing a revision to avoid having to submit to the performance measure requirements. He continued this corrective action also includes a need to change how we show the Existing plus Committed projects that will need to be addressed by March 1, 2019. He added FHWA staff is planning on giving a certification review closeout presentation at the January 18, 2019 MPO Board meeting. The Certification letter and report from the FHWA on the 2018 TMA Certification review were both attached to the agenda packet.

Other Business

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Ms. Nora Demers spoke on behalf of Mr. Thomas Kanell regarding an eleven minute video presentation he made as a rebuttal to LeeTran's presentation at the October meeting. Ms. Demers mentioned the current system lacks adequate, timely service and Mr. Kanell's plan will improve that. She added the TAC suggested

CUTR could work with LeeTran to conduct a study of the plan. She said she approached the Community Foundation to fund the study which is estimated to cost around \$50,000. Chair Anglickis replied that he thought LeeTran was dealing with this. Mr. O'Donnell recalled LeeTran did address some of the elements of Mr. Kanell's plan. Ms. Demers agreed but said there was no comprehensive analysis of the plan. Mr. Symroski asked if the presentations could be incorporated into the agenda so that citizens did not have to sit through the entire meeting to be able to speak. Mr. Scott said the agendas are set up so that a quorum isn't lost before MPO business matters can be voted on. Chair Anglickis noted that LeeTran being absent at this meeting did not help. Mr. Scott said that LeeTran feels they have already dealt with this. The committee agreed to view the video. The video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/07tcFu9t9XY> Mr. Scott played the video for the committee. The committee suggested Mr. Kanell present his point of view in a more positive manner without attacking LeeTran. Ms. Demers asked if it would be possible to get a resolution from the CAC to get CUTR to work with LeeTran to evaluate the plan. Mr. Scott said the Executive Committee noted if the study is not being done with LeeTran involvement it would be useless. Mr. Scott added that if this is to move forward LeeTran must be brought back in somehow. There was a brief discussion on ways to move this issue forward and the overall purpose of this issue. Mr. Symroski suggested making the study a more comprehensive look at LeeTran. Ms. Marion Briggs asked who will fund the study. Chair Anglickis suggested LeeTran has the funding. Mr. Scott said he will have another discussion with LeeTran and look at the cost of the study.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

The topics suggested for next meeting included Joel Boulevard, SR 80, and the LeeTran evaluation.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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