

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, February 7, 2019
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 3:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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 Kenneth Jenkins, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, Steve Henry, Ron Talone, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Robert King, Kevin Berry, Moses Jackson, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included a member of the public John Majka; Michael Tisch 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 had been presented by Mr. Levi McCollum at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He said the Fort Myers Beach tram already had ridership over 25,000 and will continue to run through May 1, 2019. He also announced that Ms. Dawn Huff had been hired by LeeTran in their planning department. He said LeeTran was also reviewing the downtown routes for better headways and increased peak service.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT said FDOT had nothing to report, but he would answer questions. Mr. Jim Wurster asked about the information on the sidewalk project on SR 80 that was emailed out earlier in the week. Mr. Scott noted that FDOT could not speak on the matter as it was currently under litigation.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the January 3, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Robert King made the motion to approve the January 3, 2019 Meeting Summary. Mr. Scott Gilbertson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve the Amendment to the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 TIP to add a Big Carlos Bridge Project Phase for FDOT Work

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and approve the Amendment to the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add the Big Carlos Bridge project phase for FDOT staff charges in the amount of \$5,000. He added that at some point FDOT will need to sign off on the PD&E study. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked if the \$5,000 will go toward any of the build options discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Michael Tisch said this doesn't have to

do with options, the \$5,000 is only for staff time. Mr. Scott added that the \$5,000 is to review work already done by Lee County. Mr. Scott noted that the public hearing will examine the preferred alternative and take comments. Mr. Ty Symroski asked about sea level considerations. Mr. Scott said the PD&E looks at mean high water, and the preferred alternative has a sixty foot vertical clearance. Mr. Scott Gilbertson affirmed that the measure was usually mean high at high tide. Mr. Symroski noted the project's longevity and suggested sea level rise should be a consideration. Mr. Michael Tisch said he understood the concern. He also explained it is based on historical research. Mr. Symroski expressed his concern with the assumptions due to the life-span of the bridge, sea level rise, and ensuring adequate vertical clearance. Mr. Tisch said questions could be directed to Lee County.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Amendment to the FY 2018/2019 through FY 2022/2023 TIP to add a Big Carlos Project Phase for FDOT Work. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion on funding.

There were no objections and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - Review the List of Projects for FDOT Construction Viability Review for TA and SU Box Funded Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this informational agenda item for the review of the list of projects for FDOT review for construction viability and updated cost estimates that was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. Mr. Gogoi said the deadline for submitting applications for FDOT construction viability and cost estimate evaluation of this year's projects for MPO allocated TA and Multimodal Box fund priorities was February 1st. He said the list of priorities will be back in June. He added MPO staff has coordinated with the local government jurisdictions and resubmitted all the applications from last year that did not get any funding programmed. He mentioned the list also includes two projects from Cape Coral that were accidentally left out from last year's priorities including a proposed sidewalk on SW 10th Street from Chiquita Blvd to Skyline Pkwy and on Skyline Pkwy from Cape Coral Pkwy to El Dorado Pkwy. He said these two projects will be evaluated and scored next to existing projects. He explained Transportation Alternative (TA) and Surface Transportation Planning Urban Attributable (SU) funding sources. He said the MPO receives \$760,000 in TA funds and on average \$7.5 million per year for SU funds. Mr. Jim Wurster referenced the East Terry Street project on the list and questioned the project length. Mr. Gogoi said he would adjust the number to reflect the correct length. There was a brief discussion on the Cape projects. Mr. Scott said the priority list will be brought back with the Cape projects added to the list. Chair Anglickis asked if all of the projects will be rescored. Mr. Gogoi replied no, the Cape projects will be scored and then worked into the existing list. Mr. Gogoi again noted these projects will be brought back as priorities in May or June. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked how local match was determined. Mr. Gogoi said local match is not a factor in scoring. He said the City of Cape Coral and the City of Fort Myers do design for their projects in house. Mr. Scott added that is helpful as the projects are more production ready. Mr. Gogoi gave the example of the Fort Myers Beach project that has phases already funded, as a project that will be prioritized with a higher score.

Agenda Item #7 - +Review of the Joint Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review the Lee and Charlotte Punta Gorda MPO TRIP priorities that were last approved in June of 2016 and gather input from the committee on possible updates. He said the TRIP program provides funding for roadway and transit projects on the regional roadway network map. He added that Collier County was the original regional partner, but Charlotte was added later on. He said FDOT developed this program as an incentive to coordinate regionally.

He noted the previously approved TRIP priorities are attached and several of these projects are now funded (Burnt Store Road from SR 78 to Tropicana, for instance) so staff is seeking to update the list. He said the TRIP priority projects that are requesting funding require a minimum fifty percent local funding match, must be a facility on the regional roadway network map, and requires that there are phases programmed in the fiscal year of a local Capital Improvement Element that the funding is being requested to match. He said the Charlotte coordination is for projects that are north of the Caloosahatchee, and Collier coordination is all of Lee County. He said Burnt Store to the Charlotte line will be added, and noted this discussion has come up as a result of the upcoming joint meeting with the Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO Board. Mr. Steve Henry agreed that Burnt Store should be a priority. Mr. Wurster asked about removing the bottom three projects on the list. Mr. Scott said those projects can be removed. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the LRTP Cost Feasible Table Modifications in Response to the Federal Highway Certification Report

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the Cost Feasible table modifications to respond to the Federal Highway Certification findings. He mentioned staff has updated the State and Federal table, that was attached to the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. He also handed out a larger version of the chart that included acronyms. He said the Federal Highway Certification report included a corrective action to modify the Cost feasible Tables to include costs for the 2016-2020 time frame (included as the existing plus Committee projects), identify which projects are federally funded, and show that the costs do not exceed revenues. He added staff has reworked the tables to include a 2016-2020 column that includes the project costs, have included the funding sources to indicate what projects are partially or fully funded with federal SU funds, and have adjusted some of the project phases within the modification requirements, guidance on modifications was attached to the agenda packet, to ensure that the project costs do not exceed revenues for the five year blocks of time and overall. He noted that Federal Highways will be down for the MPO Board meeting this month to conclude the certification. There was a brief discussion of projects on the list. Mr. Scott mentioned the MPOAC recommendation to Federal Highway to remove the year of expenditure column as it was confusing to the public. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the 2019 Dangerous by Design Report

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide an overview of the 2019 Dangerous by Design Report that was recently released. He said the 2019 Dangerous by Design Report by the National Complete Streets Coalition was released on January 23, it was attached to the agenda packet. He said the report indicates that the Cape Coral Fort Myers urbanized area, that was ranked number one last report cycle, is ranked number eight based on their PDI (Pedestrian Danger Index) and the State of Florida is ranked number one among states. Mr. Symroski noted the report does not take into account the seasonal population. Mr. Scott said the MPOs met and discussed changing the way the results are calculated. He said even if this was done, our area would still be high. He said we could collect data another way but it would be useless unless all other areas and states collect data the same way. Mr. Scott noted that Bonita was not included in the area the report used to calculate our results in the last report. Mr. Scott then showed slides on Lee County motor vehicle injury and fatality trends, Lee County bicycle injury and fatality trends, Lee County crash analysis over the past five years, Lee County pedestrian fatalities between 2008 and 2017, pedestrian fatality crash analysis, infrastructure improvements, planning activities, outreach activities, and engineering. He asked if there were any questions. Ms. Marion Briggs commented on the street lights that are still out on Pondella following the hurricane. Mr. Scott said he has noticed this in other areas as well. Chair Anglickis asked if the Pondella area was Lee County Electric. Ms. Briggs replied yes. Mr. Moses Jackson asked if Lehigh was included, noting there were not adequate sidewalks and many children walking to school. Mr. Scott said Lehigh was included in the report. He said unfortunately many

places in Lehigh may never have sidewalks or all of the other infrastructure, like lighting, on local streets that residents are looking for. Mr. Jackson said this is something to look in to and advocate for as many additional families are moving to the area. Mr. Jackson specifically referenced the Bell Boulevard area, that lacks sidewalks and lighting, where there was an accident. Mr. Gogoi said the Bell Boulevard area is a high priority with the county and design is funded. He added that the construction will be very expensive. There was a brief discussion on sidewalks and making them a priority. Mr. Kevin Berry brought up the lack of roundabout safety for pedestrians, especially those with disabilities. Mr. Scott discussed the guidance on the issue and said he would try to find out more information from a bicycle/pedestrian side. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Other Business

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

Mr. John Majka commented on his FDOT related driveway redesign issue for his businesses on SR 80. The committee discussed their role in this issue. Mr. Scott noted Mr. Majka is currently in litigation proceedings with FDOT, and FDOT cannot comment on the matter. Chair Anglickis suggested also bringing back information on the proper channels and process for addressing citizen issues with the county and FDOT.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for Next Meeting

Topics suggested included the process review for citizens with issues and roundabout safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the MPOAC Legislative Update for January 25, 2109.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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