

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, August 1, 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. A quorum was not present. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, James Dodge, Ed Blot, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, and Tom Gressman. Others in attendance included Lee County Port Authority Staff Alicia Dixon and Mike Fiigon; 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

There was no LeeTran report.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said FDOT continues to coordinate with MPO staff on the priorities for the development of the Work Program.

Due to lack of quorum, Chair Anglickis moved to the information only Agenda Item #10 – Lee County Port Authority Presentation.

New Business

Agenda Item #10 - Lee County Port Authority Presentation

Ms. Alicia Dixon with Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) gave a Power Point presentation on planned and ongoing activities at Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field General Aviation Airport (FMY). Ms. Dixon began her presentation with slides on the two airports, LCPA funding, RSW economic benefit, Page Field improvements, and RSW improvements. Ms. Carie Call mentioned Page Field buildings were LEED certified. Ms. Dixon continued her presentation with slides on the existing versus planned terminal at RSW. There were brief discussions on layovers, triggers for a new runway, and reducing wait time through security. Ms. Dixon continued her presentation with a Fly-Through video of the new terminal design for RSW. There was a brief discussion on the hurricane proof glass and flooring used at the RSW terminal. Mr. Gogoi asked about access to the LCPA staff offices. Ms. Dixon said the entrance will be relocated and there will be some improvements made to the offices. She continued her presentation on the RSW improvements of the new tower and the future planned runway. The committee briefly discussed the last remodel of the airport, changes to the rental car facility that will not impact the passenger experience, and possibly

incorporating the other communities in Lee County, like Cape Coral, into the signage at the airport. Chair Anglickis thanked Ms. Dixon for her presentation. The full presentation can be accessed here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2019.06.12-TMOC_TAC_CAC-LCPA-Presentation.pdf

Chair Anglickis then introduced and welcomed the newest CAC member, Mr. Thomas Gressman from Fort Myers Beach. Mr. Gressman briefly introduced himself noting he works at Fort Myers Beach Mosquito Control where he rides his bicycle to work. He said he is also a member of the Fort Myers Beach Public Safety Committee.

Chair Anglickis then moved to the next information only item, Agenda Item #11 – Review of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar

Agenda Item #11 - Review of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Barraco introduced this agenda item for the review of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar. She asked the committee to look over the calendar and let her know if they noticed any possible conflicts or issues. Chair Anglickis suggested meeting at FDOT's Southwest Area Office for one of the meeting dates. Mr. Tisch said that could be arranged. Mr. Derrick Donnell asked why there was no meeting in April. Ms. Barraco and Mr. Scott gave a brief history of the removal of certain meetings due to MPO Board request.

As there was still no quorum, Chair Anglickis suggested voting on the action items as a Committee of the Whole (COW) and then ratifying at the next meeting when there was a quorum. The committee agreed.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 6, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Derrick Donnell suggested moving the bold highlighting of the word "attached" on page two of the minutes. Ms. Barraco said it would be changed.

Mr. Derrick Donnell made the motion to approve the corrected minutes for the June 6, 2019 Meeting. Ms. Carie Call 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 Aviation Priorities. He said the Lee County Port Authority recently released its latest priorities for aviation projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field for endorsement by the MPO. He added the individual priority lists were provided electronically to the TAC and CAC prior to the meeting and also printed/handed out at the meeting. He said Ms. Dixon was present to answer any questions. Ms. Call reiterated that no funding comes from the MPO.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to approve the Aviation Priorities. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if any new priorities were added. Ms. Dixon replied no.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Roll Forward Amendments. He said this action would amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2019 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP and were attached to the agenda packet. He explained 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 the projects do not get authorized. 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 these projects in the new TIP.

Mr. Jim Wurster made the motion to approve the Roll Forward Amendments. Mr. Ted Tryka seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion on the process and need to roll forward projects. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote. Mr. Scott said this can also be brought back next month. Chair Anglickis said the items voted on at this meeting can be brought back in bulk at the next meeting and approved all at once.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review of the Preliminary Scope for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Preliminary Scope for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He noted the FDOT Work Program and the MPO Transportation Improvement Program include a project in FY 2019/20 for updating the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan. He said accordingly, the City has developed a draft scope for review and input, that was attached to the agenda packet. He said a first draft of the scope was reviewed by the MPO's Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) at its June 25th meeting. He added that version has been revised after taking into consideration comments that were received from the committee members and comments from the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board. He said a draft final scope will be brought back to the TAC and CAC for approval at their September 5th meetings. He concluded the project is expected to commence in early November. Ms. Call asked about the need for her attendance at the BPCC meetings as a representative of the CAC. Mr. Gogoi asked if she could attend as the primary member does not always attend or give notice of non-attendance. Ms. Call said she would attend. A brief discussion followed on the selection of the consultant and the general process. Mr. Gogoi then discussed the Fort Myers Bike Ped projects and said staff will ensure they are all covered in the plan. Chair Anglickis said any comments could be emailed to Mr. Gogoi. Mr. Donnell asked if other cities in Lee County already have bike ped master plans. Mr. Gogoi replied yes, mentioning Cape Coral does. Mr. Donnell questioned if all of the bike ped master plans are tied together. Mr. Scott said they will be pulled together in the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Symroski noted that Sanibel also has a bike ped plan.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities. He explained the TRIP program provides funding for roadway projects on the regional roadway network map. He said the updated TRIP priorities were attached to the agenda packet for the Committee's consideration. He said for Lee County, the Burnt Store Road project from Van Buren to the Charlotte County line was added to the list, consistent with the approved Lee/Collier TRIP priority list. He noted the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO had already approved their priorities. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities. Mr. James Dodge seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - *Review and Approval of the Updated LRTP Goals and Objectives

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Updated LRTP Goals and Objectives. He said the goals and objectives from the 2040 plan have been revised to account for new planning factors and rapidly developing transportation technology. He added staff has updated the goals and objectives from the input that has been received to date and most recently added wording to Objective #7 based on feedback at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting on the target goal of zero. He also mentioned the resiliency issue of addressing flooding. Ms. Briggs expressed concern regarding loss of revenue due to gas taxes not being collected on electric vehicles. Mr. Scott said this was a recent topic of discussion at the MPOAC meeting in Orlando, adding FDOT is conducting a study with results due out this fall or winter. Mr. Scott mentioned the topic was to be addressed by the legislature when the number of electric vehicles reached a threshold of two percent. He said the state has not reached that number yet. He also commented that at some point there should be a different way to overcome the gap besides pulling funding from general revenues. A brief discussion followed on possible strategies and funding sources. Mr. Symroski suggested improving resiliency in Objective #9 could be addressed to prepare better. Mr. Scott mentioned Lee County administration is looking into the issue. He also noted that FGCU is examining the possibility of a regional study. Ms. Briggs mentioned Miami is already having to raise certain roads. Mr. Symroski suggested standardization needs to be done at a higher level. Chair Anglickis asked if Mr. Symroski was suggesting adding another goal or objective. Mr. Symroski replied possibly another objective that included wording on sea level rise. Ms. Briggs suggested adding the word “changing” to Goal #4 directly preceding the word “environment.” Mr. Symroski said he would like to work on something that mentions sea level rise. Mr. Scott said this can also be addressed in the performance measures. Mr. Donnell referred to the phrase “make efforts” in Objective #7 and suggested it was unnecessary. Mr. Scott said it could be removed so that the objective begins with the word “reduce.”

Mr. Derrick Donnell made the motion to approve the corrected Updated LRTP Goals and Objectives. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

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

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

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned the new M-Cores website and said staff would forward the information to the committee. He said the first meeting will be held in Tampa on August 27. He also mentioned a study done in 2007 that indicated the volumes and ridership were not sufficient and wouldn't generate enough funding. He said he will bring updates to future meetings. He noted Lee County has appointed their

task force representative, and the MPO will decide their task force representative at the August Executive Committee meeting.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included ratification of the items voted on as a Committee of the Whole. Ms. Briggs asked when the turn box would be implemented. Mr. Gogoi said the projected date is the first week of September.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

Information and distribution items included the latest FDOT Roadwatch Report, printed copies of the aviation priorities, and a flyer on the turn boxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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