

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, November 7, 2019  
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990  
**3:00 p.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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

### Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. Members in attendance included Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Derrick Donnell, Rick Anglickis, James Dodge, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Ronald Talone, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included FDOT's Michael Tisch; a member of the public John Majka; Richard Perdue with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; Carmen Monroy with Stantec; MPO legal counsel Derek Rooney; 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 report for LeeTran. He said the Downtown Fort Myers Trolley will resume seasonal service fare free on November 20, 2019. He also noted route 505 will be extended to Moody River Estates. Mr. Kevin Berry asked if the trolley was handicapped accessible. Mr. Scott said he would check.

### Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced the work program was out and any comments or questions could be sent to MPO staff to forward to FDOT.

## New Business

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

Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to approve the October 3, 2019 Meeting Summary. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 - Review and Comment on the FDOT FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Tentative Work Program

Mr. Michael Tisch presented the work program video for the Draft Tentative FDOT Work Program for FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 to the committee. The video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXOHadFjU0E> Mr. Scott then referred to the summary of changes sheet that listed the project additions, re-schedulings and deletions and was included in the agenda packet and shown as a slide at the meeting. He reviewed several projects - Big Carlos and Bonita Rails to Trails, on this list that were not included in the draft work program but would be included in

the final. Mr. Ron Gogoi then reviewed the funded projects including SUN Trail projects, LRTP projects, and TRIP priorities. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any comments. The committee briefly discussed lighting reimbursement from FEMA after Hurricane Irma. Ms. Briggs asked about the bicycle turn boxes. Mr. Gogoi noted the video shoot for the public service announcement took place this past Sunday and NBC also did a news story on the boxes. Mr. Scott said he would bring back more information on the numbers of cyclists that have used the boxes. He said he would also bring back a list of projects suggested by MPO staff and Technical Advisory Committee members for recently acquired funding.

#### **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approval of a Request to FDOT to Follow CUTR Recommendations for Retrofitting Non-Conforming Access on the SR 80 Project**

Mr. Scott introduced Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, to present this agenda item for the review of the request by Mr. John Majka for the CAC to send a letter to FDOT requesting that they follow the CUTR recommendations for retrofitting non-conforming access on the SR 80 project. Mr. Majka gave a Power Point presentation with information on his requests for the following objectives: Use tools we have in place to recommend the safest modes of transportation for the traveling public, recommend fpn# 429823-1 sidewalks North side of SR80 to remain as approved in the TIP on June 21, 2019 in lieu of amending to a Shared Use Path as currently shown in the FDOT tentative 5-year work plan, recommend fpn# 435341-1 Sidewalks South side of SR 80 to be amended to a Shared Use Path, recommend The Center for Urban Transportation Research guidelines are more closely recognized, and goal is to construct the safest alternative modes of transportation on both sides of SR 80. This information was taken directly from Mr. Majka's slide presentation. The committee discussed the history of switching the project from a sidewalk to a pathway and the authority of the MPO with regard to planning decisions. Mr. Ron Talone asked if the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) also reviewed this agenda item. Mr. Scott replied that it was not an agenda item at the earlier TAC meeting as that committee made it clear they did not want to interfere in the issue. Mr. Scott also mentioned there was no push to retrofit driveways when the project first came out and even if the project is pulled, FDOT could still retrofit the driveways as a separate project. Chair Anglickis asked the committee for a motion on a letter from the CAC.

**Mr. James Dodge made the motion to send a letter to FDOT including wording reflecting input from concerned citizens and examining projects with considerations to follow the CUTR recommendations for retrofitting non-conforming access for driveways. Mr. Steve Henry seconded this motion.**

There was discussion on the actual wording of the letter and Mr. Derek Rooney and Mr. Ron Gogoi agreed to compose the letter for the CAC Chair to sign. The committee also discussed reducing inventory at the site to enable parking, other language that could be used in the letter, and committee review of the letter before it is sent. With a motion and a second on the floor, Chair Anglickis called for a vote.

**The motion passed with ten in favor and three opposed.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Provide Input on the Draft LRTP Project Evaluation Criteria**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide input on the project prioritization evaluation criteria that will be used as part of the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan. He referred to the draft LRTP Project Evaluation Criteria that was also attached to the agenda packet. He noted the criteria is developed to be consistent with the goals and objectives that were previously reviewed and approved by the committees and the Board. He added staff is looking for input on criteria that we might need to consider adding or the weighting/scoring that we should adjust. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC changed any of the evaluation numbers. Mr. Scott reviewed the changes

suggested by the TAC. He also noted this was not being approved today and would come back again. Chair Anglickis asked if the CAC had any comments or questions. Mr. Symroski referred to number eight and asked if there are specific environmental justice areas or a list. Mr. Scott said there is a map and he can bring it back when this comes up for review again. Mr. Symroski also referred to number ten and asked if there was also a map of major activity centers. Mr. Scott replied yes and said he would bring that back as well. The committee then discussed goals and criteria. Chair Anglickis asked if this committee will see this agenda item again. Mr. Scott replied yes.

### **Agenda Item #8 - Information on the FDOT Truck Parking Study**

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Mr. Randy Krise mentioned his recent discussions with several Lee County School Board members regarding a possible bridge in Lehigh near the two newly planned schools that will be under construction soon. Mr. Scott added there is a meeting scheduled between the Lee County School Board, Lee County Department of Transportation, and Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Chair Anglickis asked for an update to be brought back on this. Mr. Majka asked about the sidewalks on the north and south side of SR 80. The CAC discussed this topic and agreed that it would be best to address it during the adoption of the TIP. Mr. Kevin Berry commented on website accessibility.

### **Agenda Item #10 – Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics for next meeting included bringing back tabled FDOT Truck Parking Study and LRTP items. Chair Anglickis also asked for a list of CAC members to be included in the next agenda packet.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative Update. Mr. Scott also provided information on the upcoming M-Cores meetings. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the CAC had appointed Chair Anglickis to serve on the Traffic Management and Operations Committee.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.**

\*Action Items    †May Require Action

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