

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, January 2, 2020
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 at 2:59 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis.

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. There was a quorum at 3:05 p.m. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Ronald Talone, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Kevin Berry, and Scott Gilbertson. Others in attendance included 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

There was no FDOT report.

New Business

Chair Anglickis moved to non-action Agenda Item #7 while waiting to achieve a quorum.

Agenda Item #7 - Presentation and Review of the 2045 Socio Economic data for the Regional Model

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the 2045 Socio-economic data for use in the regional model. He said as discussed at the last meeting, the MPO's consultant has been working on the development of the 2045 socio-economic data that will be used in FDOT's Regional Transportation Model. This link includes the data for review and comment:

<http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/T07a.2045-Lee-MPO-SE-Data.xlsx> and this link is to the zonal map: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/T07b.Lee-County-2015-TAZs.pdf>. For this long range plan update, the MPO is using the Interactive Growth Model (IGM) to determine the population, housing, demographic and employment data for the traffic analysis zones for 2045. This model has been used in several of our communities in the past and over the years has been shown to be very accurate. Mr. Scott reviewed the following 2045 population and employee data projections:

- 2045 population – 1,155,012
- Single family dwelling Units – 369,522
- Multi-family dwelling units – 179,021
- Number of employees – 492,092
- Number of workers – 428,899

- Number of school children – 169,378
- Number of University Students – 31,784

He also reviewed slides on the IGM, 2015 employment TAZ, 2045 employment TAZ, dwelling unit TAZ, 2045 population by jurisdiction, and regional population projections. Mr. Scott questioned the projection for the number of workers versus the number of employees for Lee County. He said he will bring back additional information on those numbers plus the E + C data with each month having different alternatives. A quorum was achieved at this time. A discussion followed on dwelling units, season population, and vacancy numbers. Chair Anglickis asked if there was any additional information. Mr. Scott replied no and said there would be more on the LRTP and model runs at future meetings.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the December 5, 2019 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the December 5, 2019 Meeting Summary. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Election of Officers for 2020

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair for 2020. Consistent with the CAC bylaws, a Chair and Vice-Chair are to be elected at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each calendar year. Mr. Scott noted each member so elected shall serve for one (1) year or until he or she is re-elected or a successor is elected.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to re-elect Mr. Rick Anglickis to be the Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee for 2020. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to re-elect Mr. Albert O'Donnell to be the Vice-Chair of the Citizen Advisory Committee for 2020. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to approve the amendments to the FY 2019/2020 through FY 2023/2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add transit operating funds for LeeTran; FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Good Wheels, Lighthouse of Southwest Florida, Hope Hospice and the Dr. Piper Center; and federal funding for multi-modal enhancement projects. Mr. Scott reviewed the projects listed below:

- FPN 446242-1 – State Service Development operating funds for LeeTran in the amount of \$998,573 for the Fort Myers Beach Tram Service funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$998,573 in local funds.
- FPN 446243-1 – State Service Development operating funds for LeeTran in the amount of \$1,212,725 for the Fort Myers Trolley Circulator funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$1,212,725 in local funds.
- FPN 438961-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Good Wheels, Inc in the Cape Coral urbanized area in the amount of \$164,782 funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$167,782 in local funds.
- FPN 446984-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Good Wheels, Inc. in the Bonita Springs Urbanized area in the amount of \$55,356 funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$55,356 in local funds.

- FPN 438962-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Lighthouse of Southwest Florida in the amount of \$40,000 funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$40,000 in local funds.
- FPN 436947-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Hope Hospice in the amount of \$32,500 funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$32,500 in local funds.
- FPN 438963-1 – FTA Section 5310 operating assistance for Dr. Piper Center in the amount of \$50,000 funded in FY 2020. These funds are matched with \$50,000 in local funds.

Mr. Scott then explained the following projects are being considered for the \$3 million in additional current fiscal year funding:

- FPN TBD – Traffic Crash Investigation Scanner for the Cape Coral Police Department in the amount of \$184,000 (federal SU funds for capital purchase) in FY 2020.
- FPN TBD – Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge on Richmond Avenue North over the Able Canal for Lee County in the amount of \$629,265 (federal SU funds at \$543,000 and local funds in the amount of \$86,265) in FY 2020.
- FPN TBD – Design of the West Terry Street and Pine Avenue Round-a-bout for the City of Bonita Springs in the amount of \$200,000 (federal SU funds) in FY 2020.
- FPN TBD – Construction of the Winkler Avenue and Challenger Boulevard Round-a-bout for the City of Fort Myers in the amount of \$1,000,000 (federal SU funds at \$543,000 and local funds in the amount of \$457,000) in FY 2020.
- FPN TBD – Design of the Skyplex Greenway for the Southwest international Airport in the amount of \$90,000 (federal SU funds) in FY 2020.
- FPN TBD - Hybrid Energy Storage replacement parts for LeeTran for ten hybrid buses in the amount of \$558,086 (federal SU funds that will be converted over to FTAT funds for capital purchase).
- FPN TBD – Diverter Power Inverter Module replacement parts for LeeTran for ten hybrid buses in the amount of \$581,172 (federal SU funds that will be converted over to FTAT funds for capital purchase).

Mr. Scott explained the total for the above projects is \$3 million. He added that if there are any changes, he will bring that information back to the committee.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. Mr. Ronald Talone seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Request for Transportation Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item on the Request for Transportation Project Priorities for FY 2025/2026. He began his presentation with an explanation of the available MPO funding. He then reviewed the candidate list by jurisdiction for TA/SU Box Funds including the funded and unfunded projects. He said the schedule for submitting project priorities is approaching and just like last year the MPO staff is assuming that there will not be a lot of new priorities as there are still many previously submitted projects that did not receive funding yet. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the one new project on the list, the Lee County Port Authority SkyPlex Greenway. Mr. Jim Wurster asked for copies of the information Mr. Gogoi presented to be sent to the committee. Mr. Gogoi said the projects are the same as last year, but he could forward the information. There was a brief discussion on the BUILD grants. Mr. Scott said he would get with Bonita staff on their BUILD project submittal. Mr. Symroski questioned the funding estimates for the Richmond project. Mr. Scott said the difference was due to the project phases. Chair Anglickis asked if there were additional comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 – Update on the Lehigh Acres School Access Meetings

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as a follow up on the Lehigh Acres School Access to the planned Lehigh Acres Middle and Elementary schools on Sunrise Boulevard. He said the agencies involved agreed to support each other to find grants to fund the project. He noted Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District agreed to allow their right of way to be used to construct the bridge. The committee briefly discussed the energy savings the Richmond connection would bring.

Agenda Item #10 - Information on the FDOT Truck Parking Study

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the FDOT Truck Parking Study. This agenda item was tabled from a prior meeting. Mr. Scott showed slides on the truck parking issue, statewide truck GPS data analysis, District 1 truck parking analysis, Lee County number of truck parking spaces, and statewide truck parking utilization. He said truck parking availability signs for the rest area at I-75 and Daniels Parkway have just been added to I-75 north and south of Daniels, although they are not activated yet, and FDOT is conducting a statewide study of this issue. There was a brief discussion on local truck parking. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with slides on areas of concern and solutions. The committee briefly discussed costs for maintaining truck parking lots. Mr. Scott concluded his presentation with slides on additional solutions, funding possibilities, and next steps for FDOT. The committee then discussed automated trucks, impact of Amazon on traffic, and freight increase due to online sales. A link to the Statewide Truck GPS Data Analysis Study follows:

<https://fdotwww.blob.core.windows.net/sitefinity/docs/default-source/statistics/multimodaldata/multimodal/fdotcoswtruckgpsparkingfinalreportb03efb1d092a4d23b31c29a5dd13d4d6.pdf>

Other Business

Agenda Item #11 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

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

Agenda Item #12 - Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

Topics for next meeting included LRTP update items.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative Update and Environmental Justice information.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

*Action Items †May Require Action

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