

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, May 7, 2020

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at approximately 3:06 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis.

Roll Call

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Marion Briggs, Carmen Salome', Rick Anglickis, Steve Henry, Ronald Talone, Phillip Boller, Randy Krise, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included David Urich, a member of the public; Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive; Nora Demers, a member of the public; Henri Belrose with WG Inc; Babuji Ambikapathy with VHB; Jessica Smith with HDR; D'Juan Harris, Kyle Purvis, Sean Pugh, and Michael Tisch with FDOT; Rodrigo Ronda and Jorge Sotolongo with Graph Code; Jorge Valens and Alicia Gonzalez with MRG; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

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

Mr. David Urich, a member of the public, gave a public comment, including a visual presentation, on Agenda Item #11. His presentation provided information on the Littleton/Kismet, Mellow/Slater, and Gator Slough areas and adding certain projects to the 2045 LRTP for future connections. Mr. Urich's slide presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/D-Urich-Presentation-Slides.pdf>

Ms. Nora Demers, a member of the public, gave public comment as a reminder of Mr. Thomas Kanell's plan for LeeTran and his website, www.abetterLeeTran.com

Ms. Diana Giraldo, a member of the public, gave public comment on her plan for a million dollars to be allocated over the next five years to conduct bike/ped education and outreach in Lee County.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott reviewed the presentation that Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided at the earlier TAC meeting. The Power Point presentation included information on the COA and TDP update, workshops, surveys, draft technical memorandum, LeeTran grant applications for Lehigh Park & Ride/Transfer Center and mobility on demand services, passenger amenities, and bus stop improvements. Ms. Huff's LeeTran presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-2-LeeTran.pdf> Chair Anglickis asked if there were questions on the presentation. Several committee members commented that they liked the new bus shelters.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said he was working with MPO staff on the UPWP and looking at projects. He also noted the Department was examining the current situation to see how it may have an impact on funding. It was requested to move Agenda Item #9 up to be presented directly after Agenda Item #3.

New Business

Agenda Item #9 - Review and Provide Input on the Design of Improvements for the SR 865 from Estero to North of Hurricane Pass Bridge Project

Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave this presentation on the Design of Improvements for SR 865 from Estero to North of Hurricane Pass Bridge project. Mr. Harris then introduced the EOR, Mr. Henri Belrose with WG Inc. Mr. Harris continued with a Power Point presentation that included information on the project objectives, project timeline, project overview, coordination with other local projects, project website and newsletter. Mr. Harris’ presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-9-San-Carlos-MPO-Presentation-and-wants-to-move-up-to-3-FDOT-report.pdf> He asked if there were any questions. Chair Anglickis asked if the committee had any input for Mr. Harris. Ms. Carie Call asked if this plan had been vetted through the local cyclists or pedestrian community. Mr. Harris addressed this.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the March 5, 2020 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Meeting Summary. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the FY 2020/2021 & FY 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program that was attached to the agenda packet. Every two years the MPO develops the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that serves as the budget to indicate what the MPO will be doing over that time period. Mr. Scott reviewed the UPWP Tasks for each year and changes that had been made. He asked if there were any questions. Ms. Diana Giraldo asked if she could again make public comment. Chair Anglickis replied yes. Ms. Giraldo asked if there was a stipulation as to how the bike ped outreach funding could be used and she mentioned her request to the MPO’s Executive Committee for \$200,000 per year for the next five years. Mr. Scott said that federal funds do come with stipulations and certain items need prior approval. The committee briefly continued the discussion on Ms. Giraldo’s proposal. Her proposal was included in the updated version of the UPWP in Appendix E, and can also be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-1-Diana-Giraldo-Public-Comment.pdf> Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Ron Talone made the motion to approve the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 UPWP. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Lee and Collier and Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP priorities. The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) provides funding for roadway and transit projects on the previously adopted regional roadway network map. The TRIP priorities have been updated to be consistent with the current eligible projects included in the local Capital Improvement Elements. Mr. Scott explained the format of each chart and reviewed the projects. He said MPO staff is seeking approval.

Ms. Karen Miller made the motion to approve the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities. Mr. Phillip Boller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan that was attached to the agenda packet and also sent as a revised version via email to the committee. He said as part of the ongoing update of our Long-Range Transportation Plan, staff has developed the Goods Movement scope of services that will cover the freight component of the 2045 LRTP. He explained the scope covers all aspects of goods movement in Lee County including highway, rail, and air. He continued with a Power Point presentation on scope highlights and impacts of e-commerce, commodity movement and trends updates, supply chain updates, truck friendly design solutions, and supply chain resiliency. He asked if there were any questions and said this item needed the committee's recommendation for approval by the MPO Board. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-7-Freight.pdf>

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to approve the Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was further discussion on this item. He asked if a consultant has been chosen. Mr. Gogoi replied yes, one of the MPO's pre-qualified GPC's HDR had been selected for this task. Chair Anglickis noted there was a motion on the floor with a second. He called the vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Recommend National Highway System Modification to add SR 82 to the System

Mr. Gogoi introduced this agenda item and indicated MPO staff supported the proposal for the addition of SR 82 to the NHS as it could provide more funding for SR 82. He then introduced Mr. Kyle Purvis with FDOT to present this agenda item to recommend that the Lee MPO approve the District 1 proposal for NHS modification to add SR 82 from SR 739 in Lee County to SR 29 in Collier County. Mr. Purvis gave a Power Point slide presentation that included information on what the NHS is, SR 82 NHS addition, programmed improvements, and requested action. The entire presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-8-NHS-Presentation.pdf> The committee briefly discussed the process to add SR 82 to the NHS and the history of the selection. Chair Anglickis noted the addition and projects on the road will benefit Lehigh and asked for a comments or questions. There were none.

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to recommend MPO approval of the addition of SR 82 to the National Highway System. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Review and Comment on Proposed Changes to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the proposed changes to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan that was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott said the MPO is updating the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to address the need for other outreach opportunities under emergency circumstances, as well as updating other outreach methods identified in the PIP. He

referred to the PIP with proposed changes in underlined and strike through format. He noted the document had been updated to match MPOAC and FHWA recommended updated best practices. He said after MPO Board approval it will go out for a 45 day public comment period. He asked for input on these changes as well as recommendations that the Committee may have on the document, adding they could be emailed to staff. Mr. Scott said it will come back for final approval after the 45 day comment period.

Agenda Item #11 - Update on the Long Range Development Activities and Review of the Initial Regional Model Run

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the LRTP development activities that include the postponement of the first public workshop scheduled for last month. He said the public workshop for the LRTP that was planned in April was postponed due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Emergency Order that resulted in the library closure. He added the MPO website had an LRTP page with information on the 2045 update. He said the initial regional model run with the 2045 Socio-economic data on the 2023 Existing plus Committed roadway network has been analyzed and the results of this are shown on the map that was attached to the agenda packet, posted on the website, and shown as a slide at the meeting. He said he is working with local municipality staff to see what other modeling they may want done. He mentioned concerns with both cost estimates and revenues. He noted the baseline date for transit was being updated and the bike ped element will pull together all of the local plans. He also discussed volume to capacity of the E + C map, TAC concerns, and other suggested scenarios. Chair Anglickis asked if Mr. Urich's suggestions will be run in the model. Mr. Scott replied yes. There was a brief discussion on the Hanson Street Extension and the continuation of Coconut south to US 41. Mr. Scott said he would bring back the modeling results at the next meeting and the three tier spreadsheet from the county.

Agenda Item #12 - Review of the Draft FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the draft FY 2020/2021 - FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP is located at the following link: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/T12a.Draft-TIP-TAC-CAC.pdf> He added the final version will be brought back for approval at the June meeting. Mr. Scott then provided an overview of the TIP projects including comments on SR 80. He said additional comments on projects could be sent to him. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Other Business

Agenda Item #13 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

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

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi mentioned the Fort Myers Bike Ped plan update and the survey that was emailed.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included TIP approval, priorities, and more LRTP updates. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any updates on the Sunrise bridge. Mr. Gogoi said there were no updates. There was a brief discussion on the project.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

The Information and Distribution Items included the I-75 Kickoff meeting information. Mr. Scott mentioned the Origin and Destination study that was part of the I-75 virtual meeting. The committee briefly discussed shovel ready projects. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

The virtual Zoom meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

The complete meeting audio can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/05-07-2020-cac>

*Action Items †May Require Action

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