

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, August 6, 2020

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Carmen Salome', Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander, Vanessa Chaviano, Ron Talone, Randy Krise, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, Tom Gressman, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Alayna Delgado with Volkert; 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 provided the LeeTran report that Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented at the earlier TAC meeting. He mentioned that in the event of storm/hurricane, LeeTran's emergency response service will continue as it currently is until such time there are sustainable winds at 40 mph. He said that in response to COVID-19, LeeTran is currently operating on a Saturday schedule, Monday through Saturday, with Sundays operating under the regular Sunday service. He noted that LeeTran is cleaning vehicles regularly. He commented on several LeeTran projects including the Rosa Parks project in which Stantec for selected for design, the South project with an RTI for DRI amendment & design submitted with an anticipated start in April 2021, and the Lehigh Acres project with an RTI for design that will be submitted in the next week or so with an anticipated start in July 2021. Mr. Scott concluded the report with information on the update of the TDP and the COA. He said the COA is 57% complete, the TDP is 35% complete and the total combined completion is 48%. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said if anyone would like a copy of the adopted Work Program, to send him an email request. He added that he is currently working on the projects requested by the MPO. Mr. Steve Henry asked about the time frame for Burnt Store Road. Mr. Scott said he would send that information out to the committee. There was a brief discussion on the Burnt Store project phases. Vice-Chair Albert O'Donnell was asked to Chair the meeting while Chair Anglickis addressed technical issues.

New Business

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

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the June 4, 2020 Meeting Summary. Mr. Jim Wurster seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Aviation Priorities- TABLED TO NEXT MEETING

Mr. Don Scott explained that the Aviation Priorities were not available for approval at this meeting and will be brought back in September. Mr. Gogoi asked if his presentation of the Rail Trail Scope, Agenda Item #8, could be moved up as he had another meeting to attend at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Item #8 - +Review and Provide Input on the Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study Scope

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to provide input on the draft scope of services for the Rail Trail Feasibility Study that was attached to the agenda packet and posted to the website. He gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on project details, funding, schedule, project limits, trail options, cost estimate, scope outline, and scope comments/additions. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Rail-Trail-Scope.pdf> Mr. Gogoi asked if there were any comments from those present and also asked for all comments to be submitted to him by August 14, 2020. The committee briefly discussed waters of special concern, the need for this project, history of the project, similar projects in other areas, shared use network in Florida, support for this project, budget for this project, additional funding for this project, environmental aspects, contamination studies, different tasks of scope, FONSI, design process, panelists only speaking one at a time, shared use with transit, public utility easements, and separated trails for different uses. Mr. Gogoi said this item will come back for approval at the next meeting. Chair Anglickis asked for comments to be sent to Mr. Gogoi within the next two weeks, by August 14.

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 Amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2020 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP that were attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott noted that 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 and this amendment is being done to account for these projects in the new TIP. Mr. Scott noted that many projects have been completed but have minor leftover funding and are still in the report due to that. Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion on this agenda item. There was none.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Roll Forward Amendments. Mr. Tom Gressman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - +Review and Provide Input on the Cape Coral Evacuation Study Scope of Services

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide input on the draft scope of services for the hurricane evacuation study originally raised by the MPO Board in 2015 that was attached to the agenda packet and posted to the website. He said in 2015, there was a discussion about trying to move up the development of the I-75/Del Prado Interchange, by the MPO Board, during a presentation by FDOT about the process to go through to get a new interchange approved. He explained, as a result of those discussions, a Cape Coral evacuation study was included in the Long Range Plan project list and the funding for the project is included in this fiscal year. He said the thought behind the study is to help show the need and justification for a new access to the City of Cape Coral for evacuation purposes during an emergency event. He noted the scope has been drafted to look at the evacuation needs of the community and the roadway network that would be required, under certain scenarios, to meet reasonable clearance times. Mr. Scott noted that Cape Coral staff indicated they would like to

be more involved in the study and after a conversation with Cape Coral staff earlier in the day, Mr. Scott said that Cape Coral staff agreed to manage the project. He added that the Technical Advisory Committee had approved the scope at their morning meeting. Mr. Scott mentioned that Cape Coral had budgeted \$250,000 for the study in addition to the \$150,000 that the MPO had reserved for the study. The committee briefly discussed if the funding amount would be adequate, comparable studies done in other areas, evacuation of the entire city, storm surge evacuation, behavioral surveys, planned evacuation routes, time required for evacuation, transportation analysis, modeling, evacuation route assignments, assumptions involved in study, Del Prado Extension, other new roadways, schedule of work, expectation of meeting attendance for consultant, funding availability, time to start and complete study, adding purpose of developing model to scope, phased evacuations, evacuation by airplane, and demographics and including new census data. Chair Anglickis asked if there was further discussion and noted the TAC had approved the scope. Mr. Scott said the scope could be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

Agenda Item #9 - Update and Provide Input on the 2045 Long Range Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the LRTP development activities that includes the review of the draft Roadway Needs Plan Project list, the draft Transit Needs Plan map projects and the traffic projections from the different model runs that were attached to the agenda packet and posted to the website. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on LRTP activities, project list, alternative three improvements map, alternative four improvements map, alternative four with connected and autonomous vehicles at 35% map, roadway volume comparisons table, E + C Network with Charlotte County map alternatives for east west corridor, draft SIS Cost Feasible projects, transit needs plan, rough calculation of revenues for capital projects, transportation revenues, scoring criteria, and public comments from the first public LRTP meeting. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Scott's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-LRTP-Update.pdf> Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #10 - Review of the 2021 MPO Meeting Calendar

Chair Anglickis introduced this agenda item on the review of the 2021 draft MPO Meeting Calendar. He mentioned meetings that had taken place at the transportation center on Daniels and suggested planning a meeting there again in the future. Mr. Scott said this agenda item was a review of the 2021 meeting calendar, that was attached to the agenda packet and posted to the website, so that MPO staff could reserve rooms if meetings in person could resume. Chair Anglickis noted there were no meetings scheduled for April. Mr. Scott said this was an Executive Committee and MPO Board decision that was made several years ago based on certain times of year that meetings were not necessary. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Chair Anglickis then introduced the two newest members of the CAC that had recently been appointed by the City of Cape Coral and approved by the MPO Board, Mr. Bruce Bohlander and Ms. Vanessa Chaviano. Ms. Chaviano gave a brief personal introduction.

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

Mr. Scott announced the upcoming LeeTran TDP meetings and said that staff would email the information to the committee.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

Agenda #14 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC update and a link to a commuting survey done by Kittelson and Associates. Mr. Scott mentioned the electric bicycle legislation that had recently passed.

The virtual meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/08-06-2020-cac>

*Action Items †May Require Action

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