

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, September 3, 2020

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

3:00 p.m.



MEETING MINUTES

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at 3:03 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, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Tony Cardinale, Albert O'Donnell, Carmen Salome', Rick Anglickis, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander, Ron Talone, Jim Wurster, Ted Tryka, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Alayna Delgado with Volkert; Tyler Brown, Juliet Iglesias, and Alicia Dixon with Lee County Port Authority; Dan Preslar and Michael Tisch with FDOT; John Majka, a member of the public; Denise Diamond, a member of the public; Joe Perri and Demond Hazley with VHB; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

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

Mr. Don Scott read a public comment that was emailed to the MPO by Ms. Lark Campisano, a member of the public, regarding the Del Prado Extension to I-75. A copy of Ms. Campisano's entire public comment that was read at the meeting can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/9-3-2020-Re-Del-Prado-Extension-75-LARK-CAMPISANO.pdf> Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, made a public comment on the availability of presentations before the meeting. The committee agreed to allow Mr. Majka to give public comment on each agenda item after the presentations for each agenda item had been given.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott provided the LeeTran report that Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented at the earlier TAC meeting. The LeeTran report contained information on the current schedules, Lehigh park and ride progress, South Fort Myers park and ride update, Rosa Parks renovations, resuming fare collection, and installation of new fast fare boxes.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. Mr. Tisch's report included information on the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding of the Richmond Pedestrian Bridge in Lehigh Acres. The committee briefly discussed funding, new SRTS cycle/applications, and adding the Sunrise bridge to the project list. Mr. Tisch also mentioned the SR 82 project awards. The committee briefly discussed the intersection at SR 82 and Gunnery, changing SRTS rules, sidewalks/pathways along SR 82, and striping of lanes on SR 82. Chair Anglickis asked if FDOT had anything else to report. There was nothing additional to report.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the August 6, 2020 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the August 6, 2020 Meeting Summary. Mr. Ted Tryka seconded the motion.

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, asked FDOT for an update on the SR 80 projects. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote on the minutes before proceeding with Mr. Majka's public comment.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Anglickis then asked if Mr. Tisch could address Mr. Majka's question. Mr. Tisch suggested Mr. Majka contact the project manager. Mr. Majka asked for a copy of the adopted Work Program. Mr. Tisch asked Mr. Scott if it was available on the MPO website. Mr. Scott said he thought it was. Mr. Tisch said he could also provide a copy to Mr. Majka.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Aviation Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend that the MPO endorse the Lee County Port Authority's priorities for aviation projects at the Southwest Florida International Airport and the Page Field Airport. He referred to the Lee County Port Authority's latest priorities for aviation projects at Southwest Florida International Airport and Page Field for endorsement by the MPO that were emailed to the committee and posted to the website prior to the meeting. The priorities can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Aviation-Priorities.pdf> He added that Ms. Juliet Iglesias and Ms. Alicia Dixon, both with the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA), were in attendance at the virtual meeting to answer any questions related to the priorities. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to recommend endorsement of the Lee County Port Authority's Aviation Priorities. Mr. Ron Talone seconded the motion.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked if there were any comments from the Technical Advisory Committee. Mr. Scott replied no. Chair Anglickis asked if there was further discussion. There was none.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the TIP Amendments to add Transit, Lighting Retrofit, and Traffic Crash Scanner Projects to the Current Fiscal Year

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to Amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include a FTA Section 5310 grant funded project for LeeTran, a US 41 intersection lighting retrofit project, and a traffic crash investigation scanner to FY 2021. He referred to the draft TIP pages that were attached to the agenda packet, the [revised agenda item](#) that was emailed out/posted to the website, and explained the FY 2021 through FY 2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to add the following projects:

- A grant project for LeeTran that will provide trips for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The project is funded in this fiscal year (FY 2020/2021) and is in the total amount of \$329,564 that includes \$164,782 in FTA 5310 funds that is being matched with \$164,782 in local funds.
- A US 41 intersection lighting pedestrian safety project in the current fiscal year (FY 2020/2021) at twenty-one intersections between Bonita Beach Road and Pondella Road
- Traffic Crash Investigation Scanner to be purchased by the MPO for use by the Cape Coral Police Department in the amount of \$184,000 (federal SU funds for capital purchase) in the current fiscal year (FY 2020/2021). This TIP amendment was previously approved by the Board in January 2020 but the process/agreements delayed adding it to the TIP/work program until this fiscal year.

Mr. Ty Symroski asked about the impact of the Bonita Beach Road project on sea turtle nesting. Chair Anglickis noted the intersection in reference is miles from the beach.

Mr. Jim Wurster made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments to add a Transit and Lighting Retrofit Project to the Current Fiscal Year. Ms. Karen Miller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approve the Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study Scope of Services

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the revised scope of services for the Rail Trail Feasibility Study that was attached to the agenda packet. He briefly summarized his previous presentation which included information on the project details, timeline, project limits, and scope changes. He said the BPC and the TAC both approved the scope of services without changes at their respective meetings. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Rail-Trail-Scope-2.pdf> Chair Anglickis then asked for a motion. Ms. Karen Miller suggested changing Southwest Florida Water Management District on page eight to South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Gogoi said he would make the changes.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the Bonita Estero Rail Trail Feasibility Study Scope of Services with the revision on page eight to change Southwest Florida Water Management District to South Florida Water Management District. Mr. Bruce Bohlander seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Recommend Approval of the Lee MPO TSM&O Plan

Mr. Dan Preslar, with FDOT, introduced this agenda item and its presenters - Mr. Demond Hazley and Joe Perri with VHB. Mr. Hazley then gave a Power Point presentation that included information on the presentation overview, reaching the full potential of the TSMO, why prepare a TSMO Master Plan, report sections, prioritization of corridors, Top Ten state road priorities, Top Ten local road priorities, TSMO strategies, project identification, gap analysis, and systemwide ITS assessment. Mr. Joe Perri, also with VHB, then presented the sample project analysis- SR 78/Pine Island Road, corridor issues, capacity/operations strategies, transit strategies, safety strategies, and connected/autonomous vehicles (CAV). Mr. Hazley concluded the presentation with information on implementation and next steps. The presentation can be viewed here: https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Lee-MPO-TSMO-MP_9_3-TAC-Presentation.pdf The committee briefly discussed roundabouts and related right-of-way constraints, ICE process, drainage and utility considerations, roundabout benefits, and blocking sight lines through roundabouts. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, referenced the bike ped statistics provided by the VHB consultants and asked the consultants with VHB about projections as to what bike ped fatalities will go to after construction. Mr. Perri commented that it is difficult to say. He added that they strive for zero by providing infrastructure to maintain safe travel environment although there may be situations like drunk drivers or jay walkers that cannot be predicted. Mr. Hazley commented on reducing conflict to increase safety. Mr. Majka then asked if there was something between a PD&E and the process that was followed on SR 80. Mr. Gogoi noted that Mr. Perri was not familiar with the SR 80 projects. Mr. Symroski asked Mr. Majka to keep to the agenda item topic. Mr. Majka then asked if there was something between a PD&E and no public involvement. Mr. Perri replied there are many things but the question of what is trying to be accomplished drives the necessity for the planning type level element that needs to be implemented. Mr. Ed Blot asked if there was a way to integrate the roundabout idea into the motion. Chair Anglickis said he thought it could be included. Mr. Perri noted the master plan is a listing of strategies and evaluation elements that should be conducted. Chair Anglickis said suggestions could be inserted into the section on roundabouts. Mr. Preslar said the design direction could be incorporated into the report. Mr. Perri noted that ultimately any traffic control

measure must go through the ICE evaluation. The committee briefly discussed FDOT design standards related to roundabouts and adding language to the motion to support restricting visibility across roundabouts. Mr. Perri said that language could be added to incorporate reviewing landscaping in roundabout design and implemented as necessary.

Mr. TY Symroski made the motion to approve the Lee MPO TSM&O Plan with the following amendment. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion for an amendment to the Lee MPO TSM&O Plan to prefer roundabouts to restrict visibility through and across the roundabout. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the amendment. There were no objections, and the motion pass unanimously.

The TSMO Plan can be viewed here:

https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Plan-Only-LeeCountyMPO_TSMO-Masterplan_July_17_2020.pdf

Agenda Item #9 - *Review and Approval of the Revised Public Involvement Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Revised Public Involvement Plan that was attached to the agenda packet. He said the MPO has updated 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 Plan. Chair Anglickis referred to the blue table on page nine and asked to add a print publication component to the CAC public involvement requirements. The committee discussed fees for publication and notification of local TV stations/newspapers. Mr. Scott said he could bring a write-up back to the next meeting. The committee then discussed the current format for TV notifications, adding free newspapers to that notification, publishing action items, getting word out on meetings, press releases, also including changes on page thirty, adding to table on page eight and changing days to address deadline, allowing staff adequate time to prepare reports/releases, time to consider prior to next meeting, researching options, deadlines for different papers, submitting press release to all papers, eleven day prior to meeting time frame, adding similar wording to table on page nine and paragraph on page thirty, concerns for adding work to staff, tabling item until next meeting, gathering information on local newspaper deadlines for next meeting, and amount of time needed for staff to prepare items for release and to meet newspaper deadlines.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to table the Revised Public Involvement Plan until next meeting. Ms. Karen Miller seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was additional discussion. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, commented on public involvement and the SR 80 projects. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote on the motion and second.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - Update and Provide Input on the 2045 Long Range Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update to the development of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. He provided a Power Point presentation that included information on LRTP activities, priority list, scoring criteria, current priority programming, SIS cost feasible plan, Lee County cost feasible alternative five improvements with and without 35% CAV, rough calculation of revenues for capital projects, M-Cores southern area – potential illustrative paths/courses, M-Cores northern area – potential illustrative paths/courses, LeeTran Transit Development Plan, transit needs to 2045, recent

transit needs revisions, bike ped network needs projects, MPO projections for programming TA and SU funds, and proposed scheduling of priorities for this year and future years. Mr. Gogoi then explained the process and programming in the charts and reviewed several of the included projects. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with additional information on the chart priorities and travel survey. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-10-LRTP-Update.pdf> Mr. Gogoi then gave a presentation on the freight element. His presentation included information on stakeholder interviews and air cargo focus. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/LRTP-Update-Freight.pdf> Chair Anglickis asked if the scoring criteria could be made available to the committee. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any other questions. Mr. Blot asked about the rail line and delivering commodities. Mr. Gogoi responded it is currently limited from Arcadia on CSX, the infrastructure in Lee County is not great, and the future depends on Seminole Gulf. He added that a slide could be prepared for the next meeting based on a previous interview with Seminole Gulf. Chair Anglickis asked if there were other comments. Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, commented on SR 31 and its priority in the LRTP survey. Mr. Scott noted it was not the LRTP survey, but the SIS survey that Mr. Majka was referencing and that list was not in priority order. Mr. Scott further explained the SR 31 project status and the needs plan. He added that the SIS survey doesn't matter anymore as there are no changes being made to the SIS plan. Mr. Majka clarified that the time frame for SR 31 is at least 2045 and there would be a PD&E. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Anglickis asked if there were other comments. Mr. Gogoi said he reviewed the interview notes from Seminole Gulf and the annual volume is not great. He added they have no plans of expanding.

Other Business

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

Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, commented on a text he received from someone trying to join the meeting and having difficulty. MPO staff commented that the person Mr. Majka was referencing had joined the meeting and left.

Agenda Item #12 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #13 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting included the tabled item from today's meeting and additional LRTP updates.

Agenda Item #14 - Information and Distribution Items

Information and Distribution Items included the SR 82 project award letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/09-03-2020-cac>

*Action Items †May Require Action

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