

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, November 4, 2021
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 3:04 p.m. by CAC member Mr. Randy Krise due to both the CAC Chair and Vice-Chair being absent.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Justin Thibaut (3:07 p.m.), Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Randy Krise, and Lewis Gould. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters and Tanya Merkle with FDOT; John Majka, a member of the public; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

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

Mr. John Majka gave a public comment on SR 80 projects.

Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Scott presented the LeeTran report that was provided by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier TAC meeting. Mr. Scott said that Ms. Huff mentioned LeeTran's three infrastructure projects that were moving forward, new seasonal service changes, and Bonita mobility on demand. Mr. Krise asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. She introduced Ms. Tanya Merkle. Ms. Peters also commented on the draft tentative Work Program development. Mr. Krise asked if there were any comments. There were none.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the September 2, 2021 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the September 2, 2021 Meeting Summary. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the October 7, 2021 Joint CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the October 7, 2021 Joint Meeting Summary. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the TIP Amendments to the FY 21/22 through FY 25/26 to Advance the McGregor and US 41/Crystal Drive Safety Projects and to add the Design Phase for Adding a Sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to advance the McGregor and US 41/Crystal Drive Projects and to add the design phase for a sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge. The relevant TIP pages were attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott noted the current FY 2022 through FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to advance two safety projects and to add the design phase for one other project funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in FY 2022. He said the first project is the median modification project on McGregor Boulevard from Cypress Lake Drive to Edinburgh Drive that is being advanced from FY 2024 to the current fiscal year and will be constructed under a Design Build project. He continued the second project is the US41/Crystal Drive intersection safety project that is being advanced from FY 2025 to the current fiscal year and will also be constructed under a Design Build project. He concluded the third project is new and is adding the design phase in FY 2022 for the addition of a sidewalk to the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge. Mr. Krise asked if there were any comments. Mr. Ed Blot asked if any projects were pushed back. Mr. Scott replied no.

Mr. Ed Blot made the motion to approve the Amendments to the TIP. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approve the TIGER Project Data Collection Scope of Services

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the TIGER performance data collection scope of services that was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott explained the MPO is required to collect performance measure data for the next three years as part of the performance data collection and reporting requirements that came with the TIGER grant requirements. He mentioned prior data that had been collected and the locations identified to collect the counts that were illustrated on the exhibits in the agenda packet and are consistent with the data locations done in the past. Mr. Scott added the data shows an increase in use and safety numbers are down while the only negative seems to be bus ridership has declined. The committee briefly discussed the bike box project done at Daniels/Treeline.

Mr. Lewis Gould made the motion to approve the TIGER Project Data Collection Scope of Services. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approve the Safety Outreach Scope of Services

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the draft scopes of services for conducting safety outreach to help reduce fatalities, injuries, and crashes. He referred to the scopes that were attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on performance measures, crash data, MPO budget task, partner discussions, and FDOT emphasis areas. His presentation can be viewed here: [Safety Outreach Scope Presentation](#) The committee briefly discussed accidents correlating to population increase, vehicle miles travelled increase, Vision Zero, COVID impacts, local example of high speed crash, high average speed on certain stretches of I-75, outreach versus enforcement, coordination with FHWA to follow procurement process, drivers education, videos on reality of crashes, example of European public service announcements, traffic cameras, examples of other states, law enforcement requests for additional funding, law enforcement being short-staffed, driver education courses to avoid points on license, driver license test changes during pandemic, and experience gained through practice driving.

Mr. Steve Henry made the motion to approve the Safety and Outreach Scope of Services. Mr. Lewis Gould seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Draft Tentative Work Program for FY 2022/2023 through 2026/2027

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the Draft Tentative FDOT Work Program for FY 2022/2023 through FY 2026/2027 that was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. Ms. Peters reviewed the highlights of the work program including the Fort Myers Beach paver project, Cape Coral Gator Circle projects, median modifications, and maintenance/resurfacing. Ms. Peters also mentioned the new format of the Work Program, the website with GIS map, and public hearing/comment.

Agenda Item #10 - Review and Comment on the Proposed 2045 Long Range Plan Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and input on the proposed amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He explained MPO staff is proposing LRTP amendments/modifications to be voted on at the January MPO Board meeting. He then reviewed the following amendments that are being considered: Amend the Lee County project list to add in the widening of Corkscrew Road from Alico Road to east of The Place, about 4.5 miles; Add in the list of City of Fort Myers bicycle pedestrian projects matching the amount of \$5,000,000 in funding that was set aside for projects once the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Plan was completed; Add in a project identification column to provide a reference for reviewers that are not familiar with local road names; and Advance the SR 31 design phase to match the FDOT Tentative Work Program. Mr. Scott said this will come back at the January meeting for approval prior to the MPO Board approval at their January meeting.

Agenda Item #11 - Review and Discuss Candidate Projects for TA and Multi-modal Box Funds for 2022 Funding Cycle

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and discussion of candidate projects for consideration of MPO allocated TA and SU Box funds for the 2022 funding cycle. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on unfunded projects, funding amounts, and projects from the local jurisdictions. His presentation can be viewed here: [Multimodal Box Fund Presentation](#)

Other Business

Agenda Item #12 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka gave public comments on SR 80 projects and target zero.

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott noted there was no MPO Board meeting in December and asked if the CAC would like to cancel their December 2 meeting. He noted the TAC had cancelled their December meeting. The committee agreed by consensus to cancel the December CAC meeting.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no Information and Distribution Items. Mr. Lewis Gould thanked Mr. Krise for leading the meeting.

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

*Action Items +May Require Action

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