

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990  
**3:00 p.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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**The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.** The phone-in option of the meeting was connected at 3:06 p.m. Chair Anglickis mentioned articles relating to two CAC members, Mr. Justin Thibaut and Mr. Albert O'Donnell. The committee briefly discussed banks.

### Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Joshua Goergen, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander, Vanessa Chaviano, Randy Krise, Ted Tryka, Lewis Gould, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters 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. Scott provided the LeeTran report presented by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. He mentioned LeeTran was moving forward with their three infrastructure projects as well as moving forward with the mobility-on-demand (MOD) project in Bonita Springs. A brief discussion followed on project cost increases and supply delays.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. Ms. Peters provided information on an upcoming speed management workshop and Work Program progress.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the January 6, 2022 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the January 6, 2022 Meeting Summary. Mr. Randy Krise seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of a TIP Amendment to add Transit Bus Replacements to FY 2021/2022

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a transit project to cover the replacement of four buses in the current fiscal year. The new TIP sheet was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as a slide at the meeting. He said the current FY 2022 through FY 2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being amended to add a transit project for bus replacements in the current fiscal year. He said the current Transportation Improvement Program includes funding for bus replacements in FY 23/24 & FY 24/25 at half of the usual amount and there is no funding currently shown in FY 25/26. He concluded

the replacement of four buses is consistent with LeeTran's bus replacement needs. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. The committee briefly discussed authorization, funding, and meeting the replacement schedule.

**Mr. Steve Henry made the motion to approve the TIP amendment to add Transit Bus Replacements to FY 2021/2022. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #6- \*Review and Approval of Transit Performance Measures**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review LeeTran's Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Targets for FY 2022 and recommend MPO adopt a resolution supporting the Targets. Chair Anglickis noted the resolution was not attached to the agenda item. Mr. Scott said it is generally just presented to the MPO Board at their meeting. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation that included slides on the target setting process, an overview of the targets, the adopted safety targets, short/long term goals, and transit asset management performance measures. The full presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-6.Transit-Performance-Targets.pdf> The committee discussed facilities, transparency, penalties, and example of bridges. Mr. Gogoi mentioned a motion was needed to recommend MPO Board adoption of the resolution in support of the transit performance measures presented.

**Mr. Albert O'Donnell made the motion to approve the LeeTran Transit Performance Measures. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - \*Endorsement of USBR15 Bicycle Route Through Lee County**

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend that the MPO Board adopt a resolution endorsing the expansion and designation of USBR 15 through Lee County. Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on the existing/proposed route maps, application process, proposed route through Lee County, local government support, and support in other counties. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-7.USBR-15-FL.pdf> The committee discussed the exclusive use of roadways with existing bicycle lanes/facilities, connection to existing routes, signage, requirements, local government involvement, existing bicycle loop in Estero, Federal grant funding for Estero loop signage, no cost associated with USBR 15 designation, low traffic in designated route, example of SUN Trail segment on Livingston in Collier, fees associated with development of land, private funding, USBR 15 route through Estero, possible future changes to route based on new facilities, and route through downtown Fort Myers. Chair Anglickis asked if there was a motion.

**Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to endorse a resolution of USBR 15 bicycle route alignment through Lee County. Mr. Josh Goergen seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - +Review and Provide Comments on the Draft FY 2022/2023 & FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and provide comments on the draft tasks included in the FY 2022/2023 and FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Scott reviewed the funding sources and the UPWP budgets tasks and included projects. Mr. Scott noted this agenda item would be back for committee approval in May and comments could be emailed to MPO staff. The committee discussed 5305 and 5307 transit fund categories, other Federal codes for funding, Federal

regulations, additional FDOT requirements/restrictions, electric vehicle (EV) charging plan, travel funds, FDOT community liaison title, approval process, template, charts on spending by District, Fair Share report, needs based program, history and background of fair share report, totaling all costs per district, comparing areas based on Work Programs, formulas used, high number of state roads in Polk County, Florida receiving lowest per capita amount in country for new bill, carbon reduction funds, signal timing and congestion, impact of pandemic on vehicle miles travelled and oil prices, intersection improvements, Fort Myers plan for street conversion from vehicles to pedestrians, air quality mitigation, Treeline and Daniels project, and preparing projects in advance of funding.

### **Agenda Item #9 - Summary of the Joint Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO Boards Meeting Items and Discussion**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to provide a summary of the February 18, 2022 Joint Meeting items and Board discussion for the committee. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on TRIP priorities, I-75 Connect Studies, Burnt Store Road corridor, SR 31 projects, I-75 Purple Heart Highway, and Joint Regional Coordination. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-9-Joint-Charlotte-Punta-Gorda-MPO-and-Lee-MPO-Board.pdf> The committee discussed Burnt Store widening, progress of an interchange to connect Del Prado to I-75, Cape Coral Evacuation study, sewer line in Charlotte County, gas line on SR 31, traffic congestion on SR 78 near Lee Civic Center, funded projects, cost feasible projects, SR 31 phases, sending agenda item presentation to committee, composition of regional coordination committee, and history of Lee and Collier joint meetings.

### **Other Business**

### **Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

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

### **Agenda Item #11 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott announced there would be a Federal Highway Certification Review meeting on March 15 with both virtual and in-person options. Mr. Goergen mentioned his op-ed in the News Press and Mr. Scott said he would have staff forward it to the committee.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics suggested for next meeting included a list of projects based on most impact on economic development and electric vehicle registration fees or taxes. The committee also discussed resolution from the committee in support of electric vehicle registration fees, MPOAC joining a mileage based user fee group, examples of electric vehicle fees in other states, requesting MPO Board to support electric vehicle fees, bringing back other state examples on electric vehicle fees to next meeting, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fees for all vehicles, webinar on issues with VMT fees, calculation for gas tax usage and applying that to electric vehicle users, landscaping on roundabout on Williams, gas tax holiday idea, analysis of how far projects will be delayed due to increasing costs, Lee County project tier example, estimates versus bid prices, and example of tornado impact in Lee County.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

The information and distribution items included a legislative tracking spreadsheet and an appropriations project request matrix. Chair Anglickis requested the whole RoadWatch report be included in a link and the local RoadWatch section of the report be printed out at future meetings.

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

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: [https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/03-03-2022-cacwma?utm\\_source=clipboard&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=social\\_sharing](https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/03-03-2022-cacwma?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)

\*Action Items    +May Require Action

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