

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, June 2, 2022
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 3:00 p.m. by Chair Rick Anglickis. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. Chair Anglickis introduced City of Sanibel Councilmember Mike Miller. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Karen Miller (3:20 p.m.), Bev Larson, Joshua Goergen, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Randy Krise, Ted Tryka, and Jessica Russo. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters and Steven Andrews with FDOT; Matt Dockins with RK&K; City of Sanibel Councilmember Mike Miller; Cape Coral Police Department Officer; BPC Chair Teresa Lewis; Diana Giraldo with Streets Alive of SWFL; Spanish Wells residents Anthony and Carol Marotta and Eric and Lynn Myloy; D'Juan Harris with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO (3:52 p.m.); and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco.

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

Mr. Anthony Marotta, a resident of Spanish Wells, provided a public comment on Agenda Item #8 – Old US 41 PD&E Study. Mrs. Carol Marotta, a resident of Spanish Wells, provided a public comment on Agenda Item #8 – Old US 41 PD&E Study.

Agenda Item #2 – LeeTran Report

Mr. Don Scott provided the LeeTran report that Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran presented at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting which included information on the mobility on demand project in Bonita Springs, service development grant, and the completion of Rosa Parks. The committee briefly discussed adding mobility on demand to other areas of Lee County.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. Ms. Peters provided information on the upcoming FDOT Speed Management Workshop on June 14, 2022.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the May 5, 2022 CAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the May 5, 2022 Meeting Summary. Mr. Steve Henry seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and endorsement of the FY 2022/2023 through FY 2026/2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 17, 2022. The following link to the TIP was included in the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and reviewed at the meeting: [LEE MPO FY 2023 to FY 2027 TIP](#) Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on funding by category, certification wording changes, Winkler Challenger project update for lead agency of City of Fort Myers, and SR 80 project wording changes. He asked if there were any questions on the document or a motion. His presentation can be viewed here: [TIP](#)

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to endorse the TIP. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Multimodal Box Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Multimodal Box Fund Priorities. The priorities, rankings, and evaluation criteria were attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Gogoi provided a Power Point presentation that included slides on a review of the projects in the TA/SU multimodal box fund priority table, Lee MPO funding, and District One funding. His presentation can be viewed here: [Multimodal Priorities](#) The committee discussed programming for the Carrell Road project, carbon reduction funds, Burnt Store to Pine Island project, new projects or priorities, bus replacement, public transportation, types of funding, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), Daniels/Treeline improvements, growth in Daniels/Treeline area, coordinating with Lee County DOT on potential turn lane improvements on Daniels/Treeline, high cost of Daniels/Treeline planned improvements, signal changes, median modifications, and engineering costs. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Josh Goergen made the motion to approve the Multimodal Box Fund Priorities. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approve the Updated Lee and Collier TRIP Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Lee and Collier TRIP priorities. The priorities were attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as a slide at the meeting. Mr. Scott explained that the list had been updated by Collier since the last CAC meeting, and he reviewed the list.

Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to approve the Lee and Collier TRIP Priorities. Ms. Jessica Russo seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion. The committee briefly discussed the Three Oaks project, the Burnt Store project, and local funds not shown on the priority list.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Old US 41 PD&E Study Presentation

Mr. Steven Andrews with FDOT introduced Mr. Matt Dockins with RK&K, FDOT's consultant firm for this project, to present this agenda item as an update to the Old US 41 Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) Study that is under way to evaluate the widening of Old US 41 to four lanes from US 41 in Collier County to Bonita Beach Road in Lee County. Mr. Dockins then provided a

Power Point presentation that included slides with information on FDOT safety message, project goals and need, project alternatives, new quadrant roadway, new traffic signals, U-turn pavement bulb outs, major intersections, evaluation matrix, project timeline, public workshop, comment topics, and next steps. The presentation was attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. The committee discussed the studies in Collier and Lee County, right-of-way in each county, roundabout alternatives, elimination of bulb-outs, modeling for trucks, design templates, Spanish Wells entrance ownership, industrial area near project, proposed median, codified law and design standards, providing responses to comments, coordination with local jurisdictions, proposed traffic lights, Veterans area development, adding roundabouts to deal with turning movements, using traffic modeling to determine traffic impacts of roundabouts near Bonita Beach Road, four lanes versus three lanes, and response of Bonita Councilmembers to plan.

Agenda Item #9 - Provide Input on Safe Streets and Roads for All Discretionary Grant Opportunity (Don Scott)

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant opportunity. He mentioned the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that was recently sent out for the Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program. The NOFO was also attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and reviewed in slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on background of the grant, eligibility, funding, definition of action plan, process, application pathway, examples of activities, implementation grants, and legislative selection considerations. His presentation can be viewed here: [SS4A](#). The committee discussed possible cost of action plan, submission time frame, past example of TIGER grant submissions, and ease of submission for action plan versus implementation plan.

Other Business

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

Chair Anglickis asked if there were any public comments on items not on the agenda. Mr. Scott said that he received an email at 3:05 p.m. from Mr. John Majka, a member of the public, with a [public comment](#) that was over thirty pages long, and it would be forwarded to the committee. Ms. Diana Giraldo, with Streets Alive of SWFL, provided a [public comment](#). The committee briefly discussed Ms. Giraldo's public comment.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned the Rail Trail public meeting being held that evening and provided additional details.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included Lee County Road Watch Projects, Road Watch Projects in FDOT District One, and Transportation Tax Primer for additional EV registration fee follow up. Mr. Scott reviewed the Tax Primer with the committee. The committee discussed the electric vehicle fees in other states and possible wording for a motion for the committee to send to the MPO Board.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell made the motion to request the MPO Board take a position that all alternative fuel vehicles of private citizens should pay a minimum of \$175 for hybrid vehicles and a minimum of \$275 for fully electric vehicles. Ms. Carie Call seconded.

The committee directed Mr. Gogoi to write a resolution to accompany their motion to be presented to the MPO Board and bring the resolution to the next meeting. The resolution will also be reviewed by the TAC. Mr. Gogoi noted the next meeting was in August as there was no meeting in July. Chair Anglickis called the vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Chair Anglickis noted there was not a meeting in July, and he asked if the committee could hold a future meeting at the FDOT Southwest Area Office. Ms. Victoria Peters said that she could assist with setting that up and could also assist in coordinating a tour if advance notice is given. There were no topics suggested for the next meeting being held in August. Chair Anglickis commented on the other information and distribution items, the FDOT Road Watch reports for Lee County and District One, that were included in the packet.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [June 2, 2022 TAC](#)

***Action Items *May Require Action**

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