

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, August 4, 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 3:04 p.m. by Vice-Chair Albert O'Donnell.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Members in attendance included Carie Call, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Justin Thibaut, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander (3:20 p.m.), and Randy Krise. Others in attendance included Victoria Peters with FDOT; Cape Coral resident Donald Apking; Cape Coral Police Department Officer; 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 that was given by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. The report included updates on LeeTran's Rosa Parks and South Transfer Facilities, existing mobility on demand in Bonita, and upcoming mobility on demand in Lehigh.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report that included information on mobility week being held October 21-28, 2022. Vice-Chair O'Donnell commented on the expanded definition of mobility and asked what is legal on sidewalks and bike lanes. Ms. Peters said she would research the answer and report back to the committee. The committee briefly discussed the US 41 project, scheduled completion date, backorder of parts, example of other project delays, medians and turning, upcoming Burnt Store public meeting, Burnt Store alternatives, Burnt Store project completion, coordination with Charlotte County, and developer involvement.

New Business

Walk-On Agenda Item – Draft SIS 2050 Cost Feasible Plan

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item on the Draft SIS 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides on SIS corridors, SIS connector, estimates development schedule, candidate projects, and MPO coordination/prioritization and survey. His presentation can be viewed here: [Draft SIS Presentation](#). The committee discussed survey link, comments, noise walls, Bayshore/I-75 programmed projects, Del Prado interchange, and base year data for 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary

Mr. Randy Krise made the motion to approve the June 2, 2022 Meeting Summary. Mr. Justin Thibaut seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the TIP Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2022 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP. These amendments were [posted to the MPO website](#), attached to the packet, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott explained the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provides the MPO with a roll forward report that includes projects in the previous state fiscal year that were not started, have uncommitted portions of projects that have started, or have funds remaining on completed projects. He added these projects automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in the MPO's new TIP. He noted this amendment is being done to account for these projects in the FY 2023 through FY 2027 TIP. He reviewed several projects in the roll forward report. The committee briefly discussed the accounting for the leftover amounts and the Caloosahatchee Bridge sidewalk project.

Ms. Marion Briggs made the motion to approve the TIP Roll Forward Amendments. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Provide Input on the CAC Resolution Recommending the Implementation of an Increased Electric/Hybrid Vehicle Registration Fee

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and input on a resolution recommending the implementation of an increased registration fee for electric and hybrid vehicles. The Citizen Advisory Committee resolution and the breakdown of fees by state were [posted to the MPO website](#), attached to the packet, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on fuel consumption, average fuel efficiency, electric vehicle (EV) impacts on market share, EV impacts to transportation revenue, percentage of EV sales, other state EV fee examples, Florida driver averages, and Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) resolution. Mr. Scott said staff was seeking recommendations on this agenda item. His presentation can be viewed here: [EV Presentation](#) Mr. Ron Gogoi then provided additional slides with information on registration fees, breakdown of EV versus rest of vehicles, EV and hybrids, and EV ranking. Mr. Gogoi's slides can be viewed here: [Additional EV Presentation](#) The committee discussed the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) comment on not specifying an amount, wear and tear of a heavily loaded truck, not being highest fee amount in country, attempt to match gas vehicle fees paid into tax, political pushback if higher than other states, changing resolution wording from a specific amount to sufficient to offset loss of revenue, ensuring that amount is equal to fuel tax paid by an average gasoline car, choosing CAC member to present item to MPO Board, volunteering Vice-Chair O'Donnell to present to the MPO Board, providing link to data for average gas tax paid, providing background, incentives to purchase EVs, history of gas tax, example of income tax, user based tax, increasing gas tax, and providing revised resolution for next meeting.

Agenda Item #7 - Provide Input on Upcoming LRTP Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on upcoming LRTP Amendments. He explained MPO staff has begun working on proposed amendments to the 2045 LRTP that will be voted on later this fall and these amendments will include changes to the tables to address some of the guidance that was provided by FHWA and FDOT on better illustrating the comparison of project costs and revenues by funding source. The FDOT guidance information was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on FHWA comments, fund table, table example from Tallahassee, Kingston project and need for

Corkscrew amendment, map of Kingston project area, and 2045 LRTP map. His presentation can be viewed here: [LRTP Presentation](#) The committee discussed money contributed from developers in past for Corkscrew area, impact fees, different categories for each piece of land developed, increasing four lanes on Corkscrew to six, and providing additional information at future meetings.

Agenda Item #8 - Provide Input on Joint Meeting Discussions and Agenda Items with the Collier MPO

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on joint meeting discussions and agenda items with the Collier MPO. He said the Lee and Collier MPO's are in the process of planning for joint TAC, CAC and MPO committee meetings this fall. He mentioned the Joint TAC and CAC meetings might be held at the end of October or beginning of November, possibly at the FDOT SWIFT Center as the CAC has requested an upcoming meeting be held there. He said staff is seeking input on potential agenda items for the upcoming joint meetings with the following agenda items suggested thus far for consideration: Review and Approve the updated Joint Coordination Agreement, Status Report on the I-75 Feasibility Study, and Update on Regional Roadway Projects Crossing/Vicinity of the County Line. He asked if there were additional suggestions. There were none.

Agenda Item #9 - Overview of Crash Data Year to Date

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an overview of the crash data year to date. He provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on crash dashboard, CTST crash data through June, June crashes by type, and Dangerous by Design report. His presentation can be viewed here: [Crash Data Presentation](#) The committee discussed continual trend toward more crashes each year, Florida's past rankings, overall national trend toward increased crashes, factors unique to Florida, only using permanent population in Florida and not factoring in visitors, use of urbanized area population instead of total population in Lee County, inability to figure out what data was used in Dangerous by Design report, inability to match statistics in report, number of crashes in Florida attributable to out-of-state drivers, minority factors, police reports not including ethnicity, Florida being highest in country for unlicensed drivers, examples of local crashes in parking lots, crash dashboard data, history of when our area placed first on Dangerous by Design report, how data was calculated then with consideration of how many walked to work, not taking into consideration wheelchairs or cyclists, new vehicle technology, and possible influence new technology will have on frequency and types of future crashes.

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

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting included the updated electric vehicle fee resolution.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [August 4, 2022 CAC](#)

***Action Items *May Require Action**

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