

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, September 7, 2023
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

Mr. Don Scott called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chair Rick Anglickis arrived at 3:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Those present introduced themselves. The roll was recorded by MPO staff. Members in attendance included Richard Leon, Carie Call, Bev Larson, Albert O'Donnell, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Don Apking, Steve Henry, Bruce Bohlander, Liza King, Ted Tryka, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included members of the public Derek Felder, Katia Linzalone, Ruth Cid Simon, Heidi Zuniga, and Illa Cassy; Victoria Peters and Amanda Tyner with FDOT; and Lee County MPO staff Don Scott and Ron Gogoi.

The committee agreed to hear the Agenda Item #12 - FDOT Freight presentation to allow the presenter additional time to travel back to her out of town residence.

Agenda Item #12 - Presentation on the District One Freight and Mobility Plan

Ms. Amanda Tyner with FDOT presented this agenda item on the District One Freight and Mobility Plan. The Power Point presentation can be viewed at the following link: [Freight and Mobility Plan](#). Those present discussed the need for freight study, airport expansions, Caloosahatchee shipping, waterway connections, rail shipping, funding amounts for projects, seaport Manatee rail connections, and freight parking.

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. Don Scott provided the LeeTran report given by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He said the LeeTran report included updates on the South Transfer Station Park and Ride, ridership increases, and new staff. He added that next month there would be a presentation on LeeTran's mobility-on-demand program.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report with an update on the draft tentative Work Program cycle. Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 1, 2023 Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the June 1, 2023 Meeting Summary. Ms. Marion Briggs seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve the August 3, 2023 Joint CAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Steve Henry made the motion to approve the August 3, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Don Apking seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Roll Forward Amendments. He reviewed the roll forward project information that was included in the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. He asked if there were any questions. Those present discussed Cape Coral projects and an explanation of the roll forward list and process. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Roll Forward Amendments. Mr. Ted Tryka seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approve an Amendment to the FY 2023 - FY 2027 TIP to Add a SR 31 Movable Bridge Safety Project

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of an Amendment to the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add a SR 31 Movable Bridge Safety Project. He provided background information and reviewed the amendment that was included in the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as a slide at the meeting. Those present discussed the project specifics. Ms. Victoria Peters said she would find out additional information on the project and bring it back to the committee. Mr. Derek Felder, a member of the public, asked if it was on the Alva bridge as well. Mr. Scott replied it was only on bridges on state roads. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Albert O'Donnell made the motion to approve an Amendment to the FY 2023 through FY 2027 Transportation Improvement Program to add a SR 31 Movable Bridge Safety Project. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approve the Updated Public Involvement Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Updated Public Involvement Plan (PIP). He provided background information and reviewed the plan that was provided in the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. He asked if there were any questions. Chair Anglickis asked if this was the final approval. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. Steve Henry made the motion to approve the updated Public Involvement Plan. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - *Approval of the SUN Trail Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Priorities. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [SUN Trail Priorities](#) He noted the SUN Trail priorities were not taken to the BPC (Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee) due to the meeting cancellation resulting from Hurricane

Idalia, and it will be brought to their September meeting and then to the MPO Board at their October meeting. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Priorities. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion.

Chair Anglickis asked if there was any discussion. Mr. Albert O'Donnell stated his objection to shared use pathways and provided examples of separated facilities in other countries. He also commented on the new FDOT policy to not place bicycle lanes on roads with higher speed limits. Ms. Carie Call commented on the use of the facilities on Pine Island. Ms. Peters asked if it was an FDOT project. Mr. Scott replied it was a Lee County project. Ms. Peters asked if it could be changed. Mr. Gogoi said it can be changed by the jurisdiction. Those present continued the discussion on the type and purpose of facilities, design, statutes and regulations, owner of right-of-way, construction and maintenance responsibility, safety of mixed-use pathways, current conditions and rider habits, example of other states, example of Colonial, example of Three Oaks, existing infrastructure and concrete curbs, placing parking at each end of pathways, current uses of pathways, and e-bikes. Chair Anglickis called the vote.

There was one objection, and the motion passed.

Agenda Item #10 - *Endorsement of the Aviation Priorities

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the endorsement of the Aviation Priorities. Mr. Gogoi then reviewed the aviation priorities that were emailed to the committee, [posted to the MPO website](#), and are included in the Power Point presentation available at the following link: [Aviation Priorities](#). He asked if there were any questions. Those present discussed the expansion, funding, use of local funds, reason for need of committee and MPO Board approval, and public outreach. Mr. Gogoi said endorsement was needed. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Carie Call made the motion to endorse the Aviation Priorities. Ms. Liza King seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - *Review and Approve the SS4A Safety Action Plan Scope of Services

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan Scope of Services. He said the plan was for non-state roads or off-system roads as FDOT was doing a three county plan for state roads. He reviewed the scope that was attached to the agenda packet, [posted to the MPO website](#), and shown as slides at the meeting. He said portions would be brought back as the plan proceeds. He added that there were numerous awards in Florida. Chair Anglickis asked if the TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) made any changes. Mr. Scott replied no. He added that it did go to the TMOC (Traffic Management and Operations Committee) and those comments were included in the updated scope. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the Safe Streets for All Safety Action Plan Scope of Services. Mr. Ted Tryka seconded the motion.

Those present discussed enforcement, infrastructure, driver behavior, example of Burnt Store Road, example of Pine Island, need to use a comprehensive approach, construction of a bicycle path, example of US 41 and Estero landscaping, traffic calming options, example in Collier County, inclusion of lane separation in projects, example in Estero, need for elimination of line of sight across roundabout, example in England, fatality in Collier County, and evidence based decisions. Chair Anglickis called the vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Agenda Item #13 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

There was a public comment regarding the RSW expansion, adding more hubs, and additional airlines. The committee further discussed this topic.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi mentioned a SR 31 public meeting in November and said additional information would be provided closer to the date. The committee further discussed the SR 31 project.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting, except for the LeeTran presentation on the mobility-on-demand program in Lee County mentioned under Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran report.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here: [CAC September 7, 2023](#)

*Action Items *May Require Action

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