

CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, November 2, 2023
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
3:00 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

Chair Rick Anglickis called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. Members in attendance included Richard Leon, Carie Call, Karen Miller, Bev Larson, Marion Briggs, Elaine Sarlo, Rick Anglickis, Justin Thibaut, Ed Blot, Steve Henry, Liza King, David Loveland, Ty Symroski, and Kevin Berry. Others in attendance included Shana Overhulser with Quest; Victoria Peters with FDOT; a member of the public Derek Felder; Cape Coral Police Officer; and Lee County MPO staff Ron Gogoi, Calandra Barraco, and Brian Raimondo.

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

Ms. Calandra Barraco read the LeeTran report provided via email by Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran which can be viewed at the following link - [LeeTran report](#). Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the FDOT report with an update on the SR 31 Public meeting.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the October 5, 2023 Meeting Summary. Mr. Richard Leon seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to Add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward Project

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the amendments to the FY 2024 through FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adjust funding for the Metro Parkway from Daniels to Winkler Project and to add the I-75 Moving Florida Forward project that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [TIP Amendments](#). Chair Anglickis asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Mr. David Loveland made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Ms. Bev Larson seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approve the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Proposed 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). He provided a Power Point presentation that can be viewed at the following link: [LRTP Amendments](#). The committee briefly discussed the timeline of the Burnt Store Road project and the state mega grant funding. Chair Anglickis asked for a motion.

Mr. David Loveland made the motion to approve the LRTP Amendments. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - Presentation and Review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT presented this agenda item for the review of the FDOT Tentative Work Program. The work program and summary of changes were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Ms. Peters showed the work program video that can be viewed at the following link: [FDOT Five Year Work Program - YouTube](#). She also provided an overview of the work program. Mr. Gogoi then provided a Power Point presentation on the work program priorities that can be viewed at the following link: [Work Program Priorities](#). The committee briefly discussed coordination with FDOT staff for project programming, Fort Myers Beach bus shelters, Pine Island projects, safety projects, McGregor feasibility study, and providing Pine Island project number and white paper written by CAC member to FDOT for future project status report.

Agenda Item #8 - Information on Transportation Legislation for this Session

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item as an update on the transportation legislation for this session. His Power Point presentation can be found at the following link: [Legislation](#). The committee briefly discussed the electric vehicle fees and the DUI legislation.

Agenda Item #9 - 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Calandra Barraco presented the recently approved 2024 MPO Meeting Calendar that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

Other Business

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

Mr. Derek Felder, a member of the public, provided a public comment on Lehigh Acres projects.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Mr. Gogoi discussed the statewide priority list, passenger rail transportation priorities, and a possible southwest Florida regional intercity rail plan. Mr. Gogoi suggested action to recommend the MPO Board adopt a priority for SWFL passenger rail. Ms. Barraco read the wording of the motion approved at the earlier TAC meeting.

Mr. Richard Leon made the motion to recommend the MPO Board adoption of a priority for a SWFL passenger rail planning study. Mr. Ty Symroski seconded the motion.

The committee discussed prior rail studies, alignment, time frame, need for a planning study, development of spurs, funding, development of scope, and regional coordination. Chair Anglickis called the vote.

There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Chair Anglickis suggested an update on the Pine Island projects as a topic the next meeting. The committee briefly discussed the Pine Island projects. Ms. Peters read an update on the Pine Island projects that was provided for the MPO Board and can be viewed at the following link: [Pine Island Updates](#) Ms. Barraco said she would also send the update via email out to the committee. Chair Anglickis announced his resignation in January from the committee after thirty years of service. The committee thanked him for his service. Ms. Karen Miller provided information on an upcoming trip to Tallahassee sponsored by the Chamber of SWFL.

Topics suggested for next meeting included the election of chair/vice-chair.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and/or distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:35 p.m.

An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link: [CAC November 2, 2023](#)

*Action Items +May Require Action

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