

# CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, March 7, 2024

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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Chair Dave Loveland called the meeting to order at 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, Albert O'Donnell, Marion Briggs, Don Apking, Steve Henry, Liza King, David Loveland, Ty Symroski, Kevin Berry, and Blanca Contreras (3:45 p.m.). Others in attendance included Victoria Peters, Wayne Gaither, Joe Lauk, Abra Horne, Jessica White, James Heffelfinger, Katelyn Carmona, Jerry Byrne, Amara DeCicco, Kathleen Finney, Keith Robbins, and Jason Heironimus with FDOT; Alayna Delgado, Chris Dailey, and Katie Shannon with VHB; Karl Pyles and Tom Deer with KSI; Cal Santarelli and Steve Nappi with Hardesty and Hanover; Shana Overhulser with Quest; a member of the public Derek Felder (3:42 p.m.); Cape Coral Police 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. Don Scott provided the LeeTran report, that was provided by Ms. Clarissa Marino Diaz with LeeTran at the earlier Technical Advisory Committee meeting, with information on service and route changes.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) provided the FDOT report on the replacement of signs by May that were damaged by Hurricane Ian.

## New Business

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the January 4, 2024 Meeting Summary

Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the January 4, 2024 Meeting Summary. Mr. Steve Henry seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 \*Review and Approve Amendments to the FY 2024 – FY 2028 TIP

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Amendments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/2024 through FY 2027/2028 Transportation Improvement Program that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Chair Loveland asked if there were any questions or a motion. There was a brief discussion on a possible roundabout.

**Mr. Richard Leon made the motion to approve the amendments to the TIP. Ms. Carie Call and Ms. Bev Larson simultaneously seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approval of FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the FY 2023/2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendments that were attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). There was a brief discussion on the history of the project, public reception of the project, impact of MPO committee votes, prior projects, Lee and Collier needs plans, and loss of interchange in the past. Chair Loveland asked for a motion.

**Mr. Albert O'Donnell made the motion to approve the amendments to the UPWP. Mr. Richard Leon seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #7 - \*Review and Approve the Long Range Transportation Plan Transit Element Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Transit Element Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Chair Loveland asked if there were any questions. There was a brief discussion on the Sanibel planning, transit, sea level rise and predictions, anticipating technology changes, and review of resiliency action plan. Chair Loveland asked for a motion.

**Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the LRTP Transit Element Scope of Services. Ms. Carie Call seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #8 - \*Review and Approve the LRTP Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services that was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). Chair Loveland asked if there were any questions. The committee discussed public involvement, seasonal components, trip generations, and various scenarios in differing parts of Lee County.

**Ms. Bev Larson made the motion to approve the LRTP Public Outreach and Documentation Scope of Services. Mr. Don Apking seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #9 - \*Review and Approve the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services that was 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: [CR 951 Study](#). Chair Loveland asked if there were any questions. Mr. Albert O'Donnell asked if this was covered in the previous vote (Agenda Item #6). Mr. Scott replied that vote covered the funding portion.

**Mr. Richard Leon made the motion to approve the CR 951 Feasibility Study Scope of Services. Ms. Liza King and Ms. Karen Miller simultaneously seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #10 - US 41 Bridge Project Presentation**

Mr. Joe Lauk with FDOT presented this agenda item on the US 41 Bridge Project. He provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [US 41 Bridge](#) Ms. Katelyn Carmona provided additional information on the public involvement for the project. The committee discussed the phases of the project, length of project, penalties for not meeting completion deadline, press conference, evacuation route, hurricane season, micromobility, legality, enforcement, other area examples, signage, fishing, bridge replacement, Cape Coral bridge, bridge inspection, example of Punta Gorda bridge, improvement over current status, possible conflicts of pedestrians and cyclists, topic for future discussion, and study to anticipate impacts.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Presentation of FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for State Roads**

Mr. Keith Robbins with FDOT introduced this agenda item and provided a background on the action plan and then introduced Ms. Katie Shannon, with VHB, who co-presented this agenda item with Ms. Alayna Delgado, also with VHB, on FDOT's Vision Zero Action Plan for State Roads. They provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) The committee discussed roads covered in plan, human error, data source used, factors analyzed, education, impact of speed, drinking, enforcement, context classifications, classification by age and gender, area studied, seasonality, example of US 41, crosswalk signals, traffic laws, example in Lakeland, example in Bonita, crash trend takeaways, congestion, level of service analysis, providing additional data to committee, speeding, red light running, and conversations with local law enforcement.

Mr. Scott noted in the interest of time that formal presentations for Agenda Item #13 (Sun Trail Scope) and Agenda Item #14 (Draft UPWP) can be skipped as they will come back for final review and approval at the May meeting and any comments on these items can be emailed to staff.

### **Agenda Item #12 – Updates on Pine Island Road and Matlacha**

Mr. Chris Dailey with VHB on behalf of FDOT presented this agenda item as an update on Pine Island Road and Matlacha. Ms. Abra Horne with FDOT also presented. They provided a Power Point presentation that can be accessed at the following link: [Pine Island Road](#) The committee discussed project configuration, providing presentation to committee, time frame, hours of work, public meeting, location, notification provided to MPO staff to send out when available, presentation content for public meetings, and fishing on the bridge.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Review and Comment on the SUN Trail Feasibility Scope of Services**

This item was skipped due to time constraints, but the committee was asked to review and submit comments to staff. This agenda item for the review of and comment on the SUN Trail Feasibility Study Scope of Services was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#). The corresponding PowerPoint presentation can be accessed at the following link: [SUN Trail Scope](#)

### **Agenda Item #14 - Review of the Draft FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program**

This agenda item was skipped due to time constraints, but the committee was asked to review and submit comments to staff. This agenda item for the review of the Draft FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was attached to the agenda packet and [posted to the MPO website](#).

## Other Business

### **Agenda Item #15 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

Mr. Derek Felder provided a public comment on commuter rail.

### **Agenda Item #16 – Announcements**

Chair Loveland announced there was no meeting scheduled for April and the next meeting would be held in May. He added that he would not be in attendance at that meeting, as his son was graduating from college, and asked that the Vice-Chair to chair in his absence. The committee congratulated him.

### **Agenda Item #17 - Topics for next meeting**

There were no topics suggested for the next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #18 - Information and Distribution Items**

There were no information and/or distribution items.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.**

**An audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link: [CAC March 7, 2024](#)**

\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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