



## **JOINT COLLIER AND LEE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Florida Department of Transportation Southwest Area Office/SWIFT SunGuide Center  
10041 Daniels Parkway  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

**October 5, 2017**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Ms. Anne McLaughlin, Collier MPO Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. Lee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) called their role and confirmed that a quorum was present. Collier MPO called their role and did not have a quorum present.

#### **Lee CAC Members Present**

Bev Larson, District II  
Tony Cardinale, District III  
Albert O'Donnell, District III  
Rick Anglickis, District V  
Patty Whitehead, District V  
Phillip Boller, City of Cape Coral  
Edward Blot P.E., City of Cape Coral  
Ron Talone, City of Fort Myers  
Jim Wurster, City of Bonita Springs  
Ted Tryka, City of Bonita Springs  
Ty Symroski, City of Sanibel  
Larry Wood, Town of Fort Myers Beach  
Robert King, Village of Estero  
Scott Gilbertson, At-Large

#### **Collier CAC Members Present**

Wayne Sherman, District IV  
Dr. Robert Jones, District II  
Russell Tuff, District III

#### **MPO Staff Present**

Don Scott, Lee MPO  
Ron Gogoi, Lee MPO  
Calandra Barraco, Lee MPO  
Anne McLaughlin, Collier MPO

Eric Ortman, Collier MPO  
Gabrielle Gonzalez, Collier MPO

**FDOT Members Present**

D’Juan Harris  
Victoria Peters  
David Agacinski

**Others Present**

Joe Bonness, Collier PAC  
Lorraine Lantz, Collier County Transportation Planning  
Levi McCollum, Lee Tran

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Anne McLaughlin led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Election of a Chairperson**

**Albert O’Donnell (Lee CAC):**                    **I nominate Rick Anglickis (Lee CAC) as Chair.**

**Phillip Boller (Lee CAC):**                    **I second the motion.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

**There were no objections to the agenda and it was approved as circulated.**

**6. Action Items**

**A. Endorsement of the Revised Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Network & Joint Resolution**

Don Scott, Lee MPO Executive Director, stated that this was brought before the Joint Boards last October however, there was not a quorum therefore they could not take up a vote on the item. He added that Collier MPO eventually took it through separately with some changes made. Mr. Scott stated that now both Boards needed to act on the revised version.

Eric Ortman stated that the Collier MPO voted to remove the previously proposed River of Grass Greenway (ROGG) alignment on US-41. Additionally, the Collier Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) had suggested adding a portion of SR29 where it intersects with SR82 however, the Board decided not to endorse as there had not been adequate public involvement/discussion on this yet. Also, the PAC recommended moving the Livingston corridor and that was approved and adjusted on the map. Mr. Ortman also stated that the Joint TAC recommended adding an alignment on SR

29 from Oil Well Road to the map. He added that the map no longer shows status of segments, simply the desired network.

**Robert King (Lee CAC):** **I move to approve the map.**

**Ty Symroski (Lee CAC):** **I second the motion.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. Endorsement of Updated Lee-Collier Interlocal Agreement 2009**

Don Scott stated the changes in strikethrough-underline were provided by Collier MPO and those highlighted were provided by Lee MPO. He briefly went through the changes which included taking out FDOT from the quorum requirement, changing the Lee MPO address, and other small changes. He added that the Joint TAC had suggested to have joint meetings on an as needed basis, and that staff would be putting that forward to the Joint Boards.

Robert Jones asked why the PAC was mentioned on page 3 of the agreement. Don Scott stated that the PAC didn't have Joint Meetings in the original version and it wasn't in any of the bylaws therefore needed to be added here. Anne McLaughlin stated that this was simply acknowledging that the PAC does meet jointly each year. She added that she was proposing changing the PAC's name and a different makeup to the Collier MPO Board.

**Ron Talone (Lee CAC):** **I move to approve the changes.**

**Bev Larson (Lee CAC):** **I second the motion.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**7. Reports and Presentations**

**A. Presentation on Automated Connected Vehicle Technology**

Don Scott gave a Power Point presentation on this topic. The presentation covered levels of autonomous vehicles, the difference between autonomous, connected, and automated connected vehicles, and potential cost savings of switching to fully autonomous vehicles. The Power Point can be made available to anyone who requests it.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members and staff. Members were concerned with how electric vehicles would be taxed in the future as they pay no gas tax. Albert O'Donnell asked what was staff's position concerning this issue and whether they would be recommending anything to the political powers. Don Scott responded stating that this question was brought before the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Committee (MPOAC) and there has been no response yet. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this topic should be taken before the Board. Discussion continued amongst committee members as to what would be the best method to tax electric vehicles.

**Albert O'Donnell:** I move that the MPO supports an equivalent amount to what an individual uses in terms of gas taxes be charged on registrations to electric vehicles.

**Tony Cardinale:** I second the motion.

Discussion continued amongst members and staff; some members did not agree with this method of taxing electric vehicles as it could be a burden to the user. Chair Anglickis asked for a vote. Mr. O'Donnell restated his motion saying that MPO staff take the recommendation to the MPO Board in favor of a plan to tax electric vehicles upon registration which should be approximately equal to the average amount paid in gas taxes.

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR, WITH ONE LEE CAC MEMBER IN OPPOSITION.**

### **B. Update and Discussion on MPO Safety Performance Measures**

Eric Ortman gave a background on this topic stating that in February of 2018 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) would be requiring MPOs to adopt performance measures and targets. He added that FDOT would be releasing their targets sometime this fall and the MPOs had the option to adopt FDOT's targets or come up with their own. Mr. Ortman also stated that MPOs would be required to include performance measures in the next iterations of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Mr. Ortman presented a Power Point with line charts containing data Collier MPO had used to come up with their own targets, in preparation for what FDOT would put forward. He explained that depending on what crash data set was used the trend was either upward or downward. Mr. Ortman stated that Collier MPO felt comfortable adopting a 5% fatality reduction from the increasing trend.

Discussion ensued amongst committee members and staff regarding this topic. Rick Anglickis asked D'Juan Harris, FDOT Liaison, if he had an idea of what the target would be. Mr. Harris stated that he was unsure. There was further discussion amongst committee members. Don Scott explained that as part of the process MPOs were required to come up with targets. He added that he believed FDOT would be adopting Vision Zero, meaning that they'd like to set a zero fatality target.

Anne McLaughlin explained that upon doing this review of the crash data staff realized that FDOT's target was unrealistic as it'd be 5% less than the actual projected number of fatalities, not less than the trend. She added that it was important to her to be able to explain this to the Board and have a level of comfort with what FDOT proposes. Ms. McLaughlin stated that it seems safety measures and targets are treated differently here (FL) than in New Mexico, where she worked for DOT. She stated that if FHWA was willing to accept that a target cannot be met then Collier MPO staff was fine with adopting whatever target FDOT puts out. Ms. McLaughlin stated that the important thing to note was that once these are adopted, staff will have to backup all projects, explaining how they meet the safety measures and targets set.

Don Scott stated that each MPO was meeting with FHWA within the next few weeks and we hope to provide more information after that.

### **C. Discussion on Priority and Opportunity Trails Map**

Don Scott stated that the rail corridor has been taken off of the Draft Priority Trails Map. He stated that we would like to see that added back on. Mr. Scott informed the committee that he had previously sent out a flyer with the dates, times, and locations of public meetings where the public could express

their concerns on the map and suggested that members go out to one of those meetings and leave comments. He also stated that the deadline for comments is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ron Gogoi added that this topic needed to be pushed, and he urged Lee CAC members to attend one of the public meetings and express their concerns.

Eric Ortman stated that Collier MPO was following the Board's direction to remove the ROGG, and move the US-41/Livingston alignment over.

#### **D. Regional Transit Update**

Levi McCollum (Lee Tran) stated that they are hoping to implement a new park and ride facility, located on Summerlin/Pine Ridge Road, before the end of 2017. He stated that the Ride LeeTran application was now up and running. It allows passengers to check schedules and bus routes. He added that there were kiosks located in high traffic locations which were designed to allow interaction with transit riding public to gather information about trips. Mr. McCollum stated that Hurricane Irma had a big impact for their area, adding that they implemented an evacuation plan beginning Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> and worked with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to pick up folks that were transit dependent. Mr. McCollum stated that LeeTran was down Sunday and Monday due to the storm but went back to work on Monday, with limited capabilities. Full service was regained Monday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Eric Ortman gave the Collier County Transit update stating that during Irma all hands were on deck and CAT facilities were acting as cooling stations, nursing facilities, and providing medical transportation to the transit dependent population. He added that the beach route would begin in January running through April which would provide trips to the Vanderbilt Beaches. Mr. Ortman added that a new transportation manager had been hired, Mr. Matthew Liveringhouse, and that the department was working on a new transfer station in Immokalee.

#### **8. Florida Department of Transportation Report**

D’Juan Harris, Lee MPO FDOT Liaison, stated that FDOT was still on track to roll out the e-public hearing for the draft Work Program for FY 2019-2013. He stated that the e-public hearing would begin on October 16<sup>th</sup> and run through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Harris added that liaisons would be at various locations for in person public participation, and that he’d be located at the Fort Myers Regional Library on October 16<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the Complete Streets Workshops (now called Context Classification) were rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma, the new date for the Bartow workshop was November 6<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. He asked that members email Deb Chesna and RSVP for the workshop as a courtesy.

Ms. Peters, Collier MPO FDOT Liaison, stated that she’d be in person at the CAT transfer station and farmers market at the Collier County Government Center on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 2:30 p.m.

#### **9. Member Comments**

None.

#### **10. Information Items**

No information comments.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The Joint Lee/Collier CAC meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:31 p.m., at which point Lee MPO moved forward with their own CAC agenda.

**Agenda Item #12 - Call to Order Lee CAC Only Meeting**

Mr. Anglickis called the Lee Only TAC meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

A. Amendments to the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

**Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the amendments to the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Phillip Boller seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

B. Review and Approval of the Proposed UPWP Amendments.

**Mr. Ty Symroski made the motion to approve the amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Ed Blot seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Agenda Item #13 - Adjournment of Lee CAC Only Meeting**

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.**

All meetings of the Joint Lee County and Collier County MPO TAC are open to the public and citizen input is encouraged. Any person wishing to speak on any scheduled item may do so upon recognition by the Chairperson. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact **Ms. Calandra Barraco at the Lee County MPO** at (239) 330-2243; or **Ms. Anne McLaughlin at the Collier County MPO** at (239) 252-8192, 48 hours prior to the meeting; if you are hearing or speech impaired, call (800) 955-8770 Voice (800) 955-8771 TDD. Or, e-mail [cbarraco@leempo.com](mailto:cbarraco@leempo.com) or [AnneMcLaughlin@colliergov.net](mailto:AnneMcLaughlin@colliergov.net).

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