

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOARD

9:00 a.m., Friday, June 16, 2017
Lee County Administration East Building
2201 Second Street, Room 118
Fort Myers, FL 33901
239-244-2220



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Tracey Gore at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. A quorum was present. Lee County MPO Board Members in attendance included Lee County Commissioners Frank Mann, Brian Hamman, Cecil Pendergrass, and John Manning; City of Cape Coral Councilmembers John Carioscia and Marilyn Stout; City of Cape Coral Mayor Marni Sawicki; City of Fort Myers Councilmembers Johnny Streets Jr. and Gaile Anthony; Town of Fort Myers Beach Councilmember/MPO Board Vice-Chair Tracey Gore; City of Sanibel Vice Mayor Mick Denham; and Village of Estero Mayor Jim Boesch.

Others in attendance included Lee County MPO staff Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco; D’Juan Harris, Steve Walls, Zach Burch, and Bessie Reina with FDOT; David Loveland and Randy Cerchie with Lee County; Alan Mandel with Good Wheels; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral; Laura Ruane with the News Press; Johnny Limbaugh with Wright Construction; and Steve Myers with LeeTran.

Agenda Item #1 - Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) Report

Mr. Don Scott reported that at their last meeting on May 23, 2017, the BPCC approved the Bicycle Pedestrian Priorities, reviewed and provided comments on the scope for the updated Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and provided input on adding the Three Oaks/Imperial Corridor to the Land Trails Opportunity Map. He added that prior to the meeting the local jurisdictions and the School Board met to discuss potential Safe Routes to School projects to be submitted in the fall.

Agenda Item #2 - Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Report

Mr. Scott reported that at their last meeting on June 1, 2017, the CAC reviewed and approved the Bicycle and Pedestrian Operations and Management Priorities, the Regional Priorities, the Federal and State funded Priorities, the 2040 Long Range Plan amendments, the Unified Planning Work Program amendments, the proposal to add Three Oaks/Imperial Corridor to the Land Trails Opportunity Map, and the Public Involvement Plan. He added the CAC also reviewed and discussed the scope of work for the update of the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

Agenda Item #3 - Public Comments on Consent Agenda Items

There were no public comments on Consent Agenda Items.

Agenda Item #4 - Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the May 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes**
- B. Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant Agreement**
- C. Approval of the Lee and Collier TRIP and SIS Priorities**
- D. Approval of the Safety Priorities**

Commissioner Hamman made a request to pull Item D from the Consent Agenda items for discussion and questions. Commissioner Manning made the motion to move the balance. Commissioner Hamman seconded. There were no objections. The motion carried.

Commissioner Hamman requested that the Business 41 between Pondella and Pine Island Road project be moved to the top of the list. Steve Walls, Director of the FDOT Southwest Area Office, stated the concerns are looked at with relation to safety. He added they are then presented to the state safety team

for funding where they are ranked according to greatest need. Commissioner Hamman asked if the projects compete within the district or statewide. Mr. Walls responded within the state.

Commissioner Hamman moved to adopt the recommendations with Business 41 moved to priority one of the Safety Priorities. Councilmember Stout seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - Public Comments will be Taken at Each Item

Public Hearing Items

Agenda Item #6 - [^]Adoption of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The recommended actions are to: 1) hold a public hearing on the recommended FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 2) make any changes to the recommended TIP that the MPO may consider appropriate, taking into consideration public input from the public hearing, and 3) by roll call vote adopt a Resolution 17-07 endorsing the recommended FY 2017/2018 through 2021/2022 TIP. Mr. Scott said revisions to the draft have been made including addressing comments that staff has received to date, adding missing projects, adding maps, correcting the planning funds project numbers, rephrasing the reference to the FDOT handbook language, correcting the Big Carlos Bridge reference, deleting the Old Burnt Store Road and Bluetoad projects, and combing the US 41 from SR 78 to Fork Road sidewalk projects. He discussed the projects in the TIP and called out those that had been funded. He noted this TIP serves as the program of projects for LeeTran, and this meeting also serves as the public hearing for LeeTran. He asked if there was any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the three actions with regard to the adoption of the TIP. Commissioner Pendergrass seconded the motion. There were no objections. A roll call vote was then taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #7 - [^]Approval of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the proposed amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He noted this is the same version as the draft previously reviewed with the exception of the addition of the SR 31 from SR 80 to SR 78 Project Development and Environment Study back into the State/Other Arterial Cost Feasible funding table. He added that Bonita would also like the description of the Old 41 project changed from "widened from two lanes to four lanes" to "add lanes and reconstruct" to be consistent with the language in the TIP. He commented the change for SR 31 is being done to reflect what is needed to get the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) study for the SR 80 and SR 78 segment moving forward again. He also said the Project Development and Environment study phase is being added to the state other arterial table, included with the PE phase that was previously shown, and the Existing plus Committed table is being updated to remove the previously funded PD&E study that was stopped back in 2012 due to the gas line issues. Mr. Scott opened the floor for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mann questioned the SR 31 project. Mr. Scott reviewed the history of the project.

Vice-Chair Gore asked about the Big Carlos project wording. Mr. Scott said all possibilities are being explored.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the 2040 LRTP amendments. Commissioner Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections. A roll call vote was then taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #8 - Approval of the Federal and State Funded Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the approval of the Federal and State funded Priorities. The purpose was to hold a public hearing, make a decision on the project priority order, and approve the FY 2022/2023 Federal and State Funded Priorities, attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott reviewed the project list. Mr. Scott opened the floor for public comments.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the Federal and State Funded Priorities. Commissioner Pendergrass seconded the motion. There were no objections. A roll call vote was then taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Mayor Sawicki asked when the Cape Evacuation Study would take place. Mr. Scott said he isn't sure when it will be funded, but the MPO is conducting an Origin and Destination Study in the UPWP that will feed in to the eventual Cape Evacuation Study. Mayor Sawicki asked if there was anything to do to help or provide funding for the Evacuation study. Mr. Scott suggested matching funds. Mayor Sawicki asked Mr. Scott to speak with Cape staff regarding the possibility of matching funds. Mr. Scott said he would.

Agenda Item #9 - Approval of the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Management & Operations Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and approve priorities related to Bicycle Pedestrian and Management & Operations projects, that were attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Gogoi said there were three lists of priorities for approval. He began with a review of the first list, **Attachment A** of the agenda packet, which includes this year's proposed priorities for the MPO allocated Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds. He said all nine projects on the list are unfunded priorities from last year. Because of the already long list of projects and the limited availability of MPO allocated TA funds, we did not call for any new projects this year. Next, Mr. Gogoi presented **Attachment B** of the agenda packet which includes this year's proposed Regional TAP fund priorities. They are all new projects. He said the funding source is the state portion of TAP funds. Lastly, he went over **Attachment C** of the agenda packet that includes this year's proposed Multi-Modal Enhancement Box fund priorities. He said there was \$7.1 million available in total. He added that \$4.7 million in box funds comes from Lee MPO's annual allocation of the total SU funds. He said that this was for FY 2023. He noted that Bicycle/Pedestrian, Transit, and Traffic Operations projects all compete for box funds. Vice-Chair Gore opened the floor for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the Bicycle/Pedestrian and Management/Operations Priorities. Commissioner Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections.

Vice-Chair Gore asked about the Estero Boulevard project and asked if it needed to be changed to reflect that it was Hickory Boulevard at that point since it was no longer on Estero Island. A brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Manning amended his motion to include this change. Commissioner Hamman amended his second.

A roll call vote was then taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #10 - ^*Approval of the Amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program and Amended Planning Funds Agreement

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for approval of the amendments to the FY 2017/2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to add planning funding and corresponding tasks matching the additional funding. This action also includes the approval of an amendment to the Planning funds agreement showing the new funding amount along with a resolution authorizing the Vice-Chair to sign the agreement. Mr. Scott said the amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program (the MPO's budget) recognize additional planning funds from statewide reserves and from previous unspent carryforward funds. He stated the amendment to the Planning funds agreement reflecting the new funding amount for FY 2017/2018 had been attached to the agenda packet. He noted the FY 2017/2018 available funds are now \$926,020. He also stated FTA 5307 funds for transit planning to match proposed LeeTran activities have been added. He then commented on how the additional funding is being used which includes conducting the Bicycle Pedestrian Safety Action plan update, continuing with the rail feasibility study recommendations with a legal review, beginning the Fort Myers Beach Lighting Study, and starting the tasks necessary for updating the Transportation model. Mr. Scott concluded his presentation. He asked if there was any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the UPWP and Amended Planning Funds Agreement. Commissioner Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections. A roll call vote was then taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

Agenda Item #11 - ^*Approval of the Update to the Public Involvement Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Public Involvement Plan (PIP) following the public review and comment period. Mr. Scott noted the Board had gone over this agenda item previously this year. He again reviewed the changes made to the PIP. He asked if there was any public comment.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the update of the PIP. Commissioner Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections. A roll call vote was taken, and it was unanimous for approval.

New Business

Agenda Item #12 - *Review and Approval of the Proposal to add the Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway Corridor to the Land Opportunity Trails Map

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to discuss a proposal to add the Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway corridor to the Land Trails Opportunity Map from Bonita Beach Road to Daniels Parkway, map attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott explained that there is a proposal to have the Three Oaks Parkway/Imperial Parkway corridor from Bonita Beach Road to Daniels Parkway added to the Land Trails Opportunity Map during the ongoing update of the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan. He said the Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway opportunity trail addition would connect to existing opportunity trails on Bonita Beach Road on the south end and Daniels Parkway on the north end. The BPCC, the TAC and CAC approved recommending that the Three Oaks/Imperial Corridor from Bonita Beach Road up to Daniels Parkway, including the Three Oaks Extension, be added to the land trails opportunity map. Vice-Chair Gore asked if there was any public comment on this item.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Manning made the motion to approve the proposal to add the Three Oaks/Imperial Parkway Corridor to the Land Opportunity Trails Map. Commissioner Hamman seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

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

There were no public comments on items not on the agenda.

Agenda Item #14 - LeeTran Report

Mr. Steve Myers with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He handed out a monthly ridership report. He stated that LeeTran had a 2% decline in May in the ridership of the fixed routes. He said there was still strong performance of the beach route. He noted that the Beach Park and Ride facility on Pine Ridge and Summerlin was in construction and should be open for use next season.

Agenda Item #15 - TD Report

Mr. Alan Mandel with GoodWheels gave the TD report. Mr. Mandel announced the new agreement, that begins July 1, 2017, has been signed. He added the agreement is for \$1.288 million, an increase of \$300,000 from last year. He noted that, assuming local funds are contributed, the amount will increase.

Agenda Item #16 - FDOT Report

Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. Mr. Harris announced that as of June 5, Governor Scott appointed Michael Dew as FDOT Secretary. Mr. Harris also announced that Colonial was re-opened last night, June 15, eight days ahead of schedule, after closure due to railroad construction. He thanked everyone involved. Lastly, Mr. Harris mentioned the public hearing held the previous evening, June 15, for the Colonial Interchange project. He said construction begins in late 2019.

Councilmember Anthony thanked FDOT and the MPO for the prior night’s meeting. She also thanked FDOT for fixing Colonial so quickly.

Agenda Item #17 - Announcements

Mr. Scott announced that with Board approval, the July meeting could be cancelled. Commissioner Hamman made the motion to cancel the July meeting. Commissioner Manning seconded the motion. There were no objections. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Scott said the next MPO Board meeting will be in August.

Agenda Item #18 - Information and Distribution Items

The only information and distribution item was a handout from LeeTran on ridership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

^Roll Call Vote *Action Items +May Require Action

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