

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, May 4, 2017
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990
9:30 a.m.



Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Getch at 9:36 a.m.

The roll was called. A quorum was present. Those in attendance included Andy Getch with the Lee County Department of Community Development; Wayne Gaither and Lee Combs with LeeTran; James Buchanon with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; Persides Zambrano with the City of Cape Coral Department of Public Works; Kitty Sayers with the Cape Coral Mini Bus Service; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers Department of Engineering; Craig Chandler with the City of Sanibel Department of Planning; Matt Feeney with the City of Bonita Springs Public Works; Mary Gibbs with the Village of Estero Community Development; Eric Ortman with the Collier MPO; and Bob Herrington and Gary Harrell with the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO. Others in attendance included D’Juan Harris with FDOT; and Don Scott, Brian Raimondo, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO.

Agenda Item #1 - Public Comments on Items on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Wayne Gaither with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. He announced the Beach Park and Ride should be open by the end of 2017. He also said there was a dip of 1% in ridership for March 2017 compared to March 2016. He mentioned the new LeeTran facility had a sewage leak that should be repaired within the next month.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

D’Juan Harris with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He announced the I-75/Colonial presentation that was rescheduled from the April 21 MPO Board meeting will be presented at the May 19 MPO Board meeting. He said the final presentation will also be given to Fort Myers City Council on May 15. He added there will be a public hearing on May 16. He reminded the committee there will be a SRTS workshop on May 17 at the Southwest Area Office. He said attendance of this meeting is mandatory to submit. Lastly, he informed the committee that for FDOT and FHP, May is motorcycle safety month. He said they are advising people to be safe and aware on the roads.

Mr. Gaither added to his LeeTran report saying there is a feasibility study for the Rosa Parks facility. He said it entails \$6 million in SIS funds to enhance and upgrade the facility. He announced there will be a public workshop held from 1-5 p.m. on May 16 at the Rosa Parks facility. Mr. Gogoi asked if the capital improvements in the work program were enough to do the feasibility study. Ms. Combs replied there is funding available in FY 2017/2018. Mr. Scott said it is 5305 funding.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the April 6, 2017 Meeting Summary

Mr. Gaither made the motion to approve this agenda item for the review and approval of the April 6, 2017 Meeting Summary. Persides Zambrano seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Approval of the Revised Regional Roadway Network Map

Don Scott introduced this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the revised regional roadway network map that was attached to the agenda packet. He explained the Regional roadway map has been updated to reflect current conditions and to also include a joint resolution that can be included with future TRIP agreements, consistent with our discussions on this item back in the fall. The update includes the removal of Old Metro, now that the Metro Crossover has been built, the addition of Hanson Street from US 41 to Ortiz Avenue and the addition of Veterans Memorial Boulevard from US 41 to Livingston Road in Collier County. These have been added based on the addition of a new criteria to address improvements to parallel routes that serve to help reduce congestion on major regional facilities. Mr. Scott said this has been approved by the Collier TAC/CAC. He added that it is going to the Collier MPO Board. Mr. Gogoi said it included the removal of a Metro Parkway section once the Metro crossover was built. He said this section was indicated by the small blue line. Mr. Scott said at some point it will transfer to the City of Fort Myers.

Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve this agenda item. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Sanibel Bicycle Pedestrian Plan Update Scope and the Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan Scope

Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and recommend MPO approval of the scopes for the development of the Estero Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan and the Update of the City of Sanibel Shared Use Path Master Plan that were attached to the agenda packet. The Florida Department of Transportation's Tentative Work Program includes a project for developing a new Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan for the Village of Estero and for updating Sanibel's 2009 Shared Use Master Plan. Currently, both projects are funded in FY 2019 and the earliest that the projects can commence is July 1, 2018. However, the MPO and FDOT are still looking for funds to advance the projects by a year so we want to be ready with approved scopes for project letting in case that happens. He said the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee (BPCC) has approved the latest version of the scopes that are attached, and the scopes address all the comments we have received to date. Mr. Gogoi said it included everything recommended at the TAC level. He said the wording was changed from trolley to LeeTran. He added the City of Sanibel scope was changed by the BPCC to include wording that there should be a PAC and they can be picked at the coordination meeting. He said they also included maintenance. He mentioned the City of Sanibel will address the current condition of pathways. He added they could use bike surveys to report the conditions of pathways. He explained that Estero had four presentations. Sanibel added one so they will have four as well. He said the BPCC recommended both scopes for MPO Board approval. Mary Gibbs said she appreciated the comments and thanked the TAC. Mr. Gaither asked, in reference to section 2.8, if they will make adjustments to the paths to make the stops ADA compliant. Mr. Gogoi said the consultant will call out and make recommendation to make corrections. Mr. Gaither suggested LeeTran could be involved in the coordination meeting. Mr. Gogoi said yes. Mr. Chandler asked if the Planning Commission could form the core of the PAC and then send the invitation to the Bicycle Club and others for additional members. Mr. Gogoi said yes. He asked Mr. Chandler to consider the CAC member comment to

include someone who commutes by bicycle. Mr. Scott clarified that it would be someone who commutes to work on Sanibel not just to Sanibel. Chair Getch asked for a motion to approve.

Matt Feeney made the motion to approve this agenda item. Craig Chandler seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Development Plan

Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the minor update of the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). He explained the TDSP Major Update was drafted and approved during the summer of 2013. He went over the Minor update that was done recently by staff, Good Wheels, and LeeTran. He reviewed the changes listed below:

- Date change to cover page
- Pg. 17 and 18: Cert pg. to be signed at May 19 MPO Board meeting
- Pg. 19: Updated TDSP Roll Call and date
- Pg. 25-27: Existing conditions/Unemployment/Housing info
- Pg. 32: Population figures and city square miles
- Pg. 33: City Limit Map
- Pg. 34: Population
- Pg. 35-36: Major employers and Workforce Distribution
- Pg. 36-37: Table 6 and Table 7 and Table 7a– Trip Purpose and Trip Funding
- Pg. 45-46: Needs Assessment
- Pg. 51: GW CIP
- Pg. 55-56: TD Eligibility
- Pg. 57: Coordination Contracts
- Pg. 60-69: Service Standards
- Pg. 71: Grievance Procedure date change

Mr. Raimondo joined the meeting adding information on eligibility and guidelines from Tallahassee. He announced the LCB meeting was tomorrow, May 5, 2017. He said the scooter information will be left in for now. He added that if it was necessary to remove then it could be done at the time of the major update. There was a brief discussion on the scooter issue. Mr. Raimondo went on to explain the funding numbers have been changed many times with the numbers in the presentation already being outdated. Mr. Gaither said Pete Gajdjis will ask about the partnering comments and if they were added. Mr. Raimondo said they were added. He said it was a living document. Chair Getch asked if Mr. Raimondo was still looking for approval. Mr. Raimondo said yes. Lee Combs asked if they are just approving the draft. Mr. Raimondo said they could just endorse it. Kitty Sayers said she needed a better idea of the cost per trip. Mr. Raimondo stepped out the room to find the updated numbers. Mr. Herrington said the final numbers may change. Mr. Raimondo came back into the room. He said it goes to Tallahassee after the committees adopt. Mr. Herrington said they take it as an information item to their committees with the LCB having final approval. Mr. Raimondo explained some history relating to the current procedure. He then wrote the updated numbers on the white board for the committee. Mr. Mandel is requesting \$28.85 and Tallahassee suggested \$24.00. Chair Getch asked if there was a motion to endorse/recommend the agenda item.

Wayne Gaither made the motion to endorse this agenda item with the understanding that changes may come. Mary Gibbs seconded the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - Review of the Draft FY 2017/2018 through FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item on the draft FY 2017/2018 - FY 2021/2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Committee's review. The document is located at the link posted below for the Committee's review prior to final approval at the June meeting.

<http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/DRAFT-TIP-FY-2018-2022.pdf>

Mr. Scott went over some of the projects on the list. He said they should be above statutory levels based on new projects. He said the Estero project isn't in the report. He added he will go back and look at the report for other missing projects. He opened the floor for comments.

Mr. Gaither said transit services were also missing bus funding for several fiscal years. Mr. Harris said there is a placeholder of \$750,000 for FY 19/21. Mr. Gaither said they are still looking for funding for FY 17/18. Mr. Harris said they are still looking. Mr. Harris asked if the Lee MPO was having any issue with the DTS system. Mr. Scott said the MPO took the last update. Mr. Ortman said they experienced a DTS glitch where some of their projects got buried. Mr. Scott referred back to the bus funding. Mr. Harris said 2018 is still missing and they are scrambling to find. Mr. Scott asked if every year wasn't funded and some years are skipped. Ms. Combs said yes. Mr. Ortman asked about the I-75/Colonial status. Mr. Scott said it is in Design and construction is programmed in 2019. Mr. Harris agreed. There was a brief discussion on the order of the project. Chair Getch commented about the numbers in the TIP. He referred to an email Mr. Loveland sent about Big Carlos Bridge. He said it was a difficult balancing act. He added that all of the jurisdictions appreciated the efforts of the FDOT. Chair Getch clarified this was just a draft and no recommendation was necessary. Mr. Scott said yes.

Agenda Item #9 - Review of the Draft Revision to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan

Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and comment on proposed amendments to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The MPO staff is proposing LRTP amendments to be voted on at the June meetings to amend the Plan to make the I-75/Corkscrew Road improvements consistent with the current project plans that include the implementation of interim improvements. The underlined and strike through changes for Committee review and input were attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott said he questioned FDOT about the inclusion of the section of SR 31 from SR 80 up to SR 78. Mr. Scott said it is currently not under way but might be within time frame referenced. He added that the future phases may require changes to make them consistent. He said this item will be back next month. There was further discussion on SR 31 rehabilitation and progress. Another discussion ensued regarding the large athletic field complex referred to as the Perfect Game. Mr. Getch said the determination of the feasibility study was it was not feasible to build that many fields. Mr. Gogoi asked the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO if they show an east west roadway in their plans connecting to Babcock. Mr. Harrell said there is a hash/shaded mark. He said it is proposed to run from SR 31 to CR 74/Bermont Road. Chair Getch said the feasibility study will be interesting.

Other Business

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

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

Agenda Item #11 - Announcements

Mr. Harris said he omitted something in his earlier report. He announced the draft of the Complete Streets Handbook was just released. It is available on the Complete Streets website for review and comment through May 26. Chair Getch added there are draft revisions to the FDOT Plans and Preparations manual which is the basis of how state roads are designed. He said there are also revisions to the Florida Greenbook which is the guide to how other roads, county and city, are designed.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Mr. Scott said the topics for next meeting will be the approval of the TIP, the rest of the priorities, and a UPWP amendment.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

Mr. Gogoi asked Mr. Scott to tell the committee about SunTrail to the east. Mr. Scott said he met with FDOT, DEP, and Hendry County about the option for the trail along SR 80. Mr. Gogoi said the final Fort Myers Beach Public Workshop was on April 26. He said they had a larger turnout with around 30 people. Mr. Gogoi gave a few highlights from the meeting. Mr. Scott said at his presentation to the Fort Myers Beach Town Council earlier in the week they discussed tourists that think cyclists shouldn't be on the sidewalk. Mr. Scott clarified that there are very few places in this area where cyclists can't be on the sidewalk. Mr. Gogoi continued with more recommendations and slides regarding the Fort Myers Beach Bike Ped Master Plan. Mr. Gogoi also commented on the bike box project in Lee County. He explained how the bike box works. He said the location is Treeline and Daniels.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

*Action Items +May Require Action

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