

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, June 6, 2019

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 David Murphy at 9:33 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called. Those members in attendance included Andy Getch with the Lee County Department of Community Development; David Murphy with the Lee County Department of Transportation; Mike Fiigon with the Lee County Port Authority; Levi McCollum with LeeTran; Richard Perdue with the Lee County School Board Transportation District; Persides Zambrano with Cape Coral; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers Department of Engineering; Kalyani Bhutada with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; Craig Chandler with the City of Sanibel Department of Planning; Matt Feeney with the City of Bonita Springs; Eric Ortman with the Collier MPO; Gary Harrell, Lakshmi Gurram, and Sai Edara with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; Charles Kammerer with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; and David Lindsay with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; and Cape Coral Police Department's Sergeant Lear and Officer Mills.

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. Levi McCollum with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report on recent changes and improvements to the system. His Power Point presentation included slides on objectives, improvements, how improvements were made, anticipated route change improvements/benefits, stakeholder input, infrastructure improvements, and how objectives are being accomplished. Mr. McCollum asked if there were any questions. Chair Murphy asked when the new buses will be in service. Mr. McCollum replied as soon as they are received. Chair Murphy asked if the route improvements will service the future City of Fort Myers mid-town area. Mr. McCollum replied yes. A brief discussion followed on coordination between LeeTran and the City of Fort Myers to ensure service after First and Second Streets are reconfigured. Ms. Persides Zambrano inquired on the costs of the new bus shelters. Mr. McCollum said they are approximately \$15,000 each, not including the pad. Chair Murphy asked if they will have power. Mr. McCollum replied yes, and it will be solar. There was a brief discussion on the new fare boxes, payment options, and placement. Further brief discussions followed on the transfer facility on Fort Myers Beach, design/cost/funding/placement of shelters, and the van pool program. Chair Murphy asked if there were any comments on the proposed route changes. Mr. McCollum said comments could be given to him after the meeting or emailed. Mr. Gogoi mentioned ADA compliance and coverage. Mr. McCollum said service won't be impacted. Chair Murphy asked if there were additional comments. There were none. The full presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/LeeTran-TAC-20190604.pdf>

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

There was no FDOT report.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the May 2, 2019 TAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the minutes for the May 2, 2019 Meeting. Mr. Levi McCollum seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 19/20 through FY 23/24 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to review and recommend endorsement of the FY 2019/2020 through FY 2023/2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 21, 2019. This information was attached to the agenda packet and shown as slides at the meeting. He said the final TIP will include a table of contents, legal endorsement, and an adopted date on each report page. He noted it will also include descriptions added to the performance measures. He said the projects haven't changed and the latest download was used. He asked for comments and mentioned he was seeking approval from the committee. There was a brief discussion on resurfacing, maintenance, and bicycle lanes. Mr. Scott also mentioned that Mr. L. K. Nandam will be attending local bicycle pedestrian meetings to discuss. Chair Murphy asked the time frame. Mr. Scott said he was unsure. A brief discussion followed on the SR 80 pathway project. Another discussion followed on bicycle lanes. Chair Murphy asked if there was a motion.

Mr. Eric Ortman made the motion to endorse the FY 19/20 through FY 23/24 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Gary Harrell seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the staff suggested priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box funds for final adoption by the MPO Board. The information was also attached to the agenda packet. He showed a location map of the priorities and a table on the updated list of priorities. He said the congestion management candidate projects for TA and SU Multimodal Box funds include those projects that have pre-construction phases programmed or underway, reoccurring annual project funding requests consistent with the MPO Transportation Plan (such as the LeeTran Bus Purchase), unfunded projects from last year's priority list and new projects submitted this year. He noted for consideration of ranking order of the new bike ped projects, they were evaluated against the unfunded bike ped projects from last year using the *MPO Evaluation Criteria*. He added the rankings were then used in determining the priority order of all the bike ped projects. He reviewed the priorities that included an addition to the project categories called out above, the **attached** priority list includes a category that includes a request (the Richmond Avenue Pedestrian Bridge) that involves swapping the funds from a funded project (Queens Avenue Sidewalk that could not move forward due to the drainage costs) in the FDOT Work Program. Mr. Gogoi then discussed the available funding. Chair Murphy asked if any of the projects will be able to be funded. Mr. Scott said it will depend and explained the funding constraints. Ms. Zambrano asked if LeeTran was still using the \$1.5 million per year that had been approved for bus replacement. Mr. McCollum replied yes and further explained the cost of buses and replacement schedule. Mr. Scott noted the replacement schedule was included in the TIP performance measure appendix. A discussion followed on bus replacement and funding. Chair Murphy asked when the projects will be able to be funded. Mr. Scott said that we will find out which projects have been funded in the fall when FDOT presents the Work Program. He added that FDOT decides which projects will be funded. There was

a brief discussion on leftover funding. Chair Murphy asked if there were any other comments or a motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the MPO priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Box Funds. Mr. Matt Feeney seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the proposed Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) priorities. He said he had just received an email from Collier County indicating the Veteran's Memorial project should be removed from the list. He said that would push the Three Oaks project to the number one spot. Ms. Zambrano asked about the Chiquita project. Mr. Scott asked if it was in the previous year. Ms. Zambrano said it should be included as it is in Cape Coral's CIP. Mr. Scott asked Ms. Zambrano to send him the information, and then he would add it to the list. He noted in addition to the Committee action on the priorities, the MPO staff is also seeking a recommendation to the Board requesting the moving of the awarded TRIP funding on the Estero Boulevard project to the Corkscrew Road project. He said the County is no longer able to use the TRIP funding on the Estero project due to the FDOT requirements to re-advertise for services previously selected. He commented the Corkscrew Road project is in the same fiscal year and it scores as a higher priority under our criteria. He also mentioned this request is consistent with previous requests that have been made on Lee and Collier TRIP projects that for one reason or another did not move forward (for example, moving TRIP funding on a right-of-way phase on Collier Boulevard to a construction phase for another segment of Collier Boulevard). Mr. Ortman verified that Veteran's was to be removed. Mr. Scott replied yes. Mr. Lakshmi Gurram asked about the cost for the Burnt Store project. Mr. Scott said it was just for the PE phase. Ms. Zambrano asked if the PD&E would be next year. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Murphy said the RFP is out. He asked if there were more questions or a motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the amended Transportation Regional Incentive Program Priorities to include the deletion of the Veteran's project and the addition of the Chiquita project. Mr. Andy Getch seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for SUN Trail Funds

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review the staff suggested priorities for SUN Trail funds and recommend priorities for adoption by the MPO Board. These priorities were attached to the agenda packet and also shown as slides at the meeting. He mentioned at the previous TAC meetings, staff had presented a draft list of priorities for SUN Trail Program funds for committee input. He showed a location map of the projects and the priority list. He said the list of priorities from May has been modified to reflect correct project limits and costs, and is now being brought back for committee action. He reviewed the projects on the list. Mr. Carl Karakos asked if matching funds counted. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. Mr. Karakos asked when construction funds would be available. Mr. Gogoi said that is unknown. Mr. Scott noted occasionally projects drop out and the unused funds could be used for other projects. Mr. Karakos asked how many projects will get funded. Mr. Gogoi explained the funding. Chair Murphy asked if SUN Trail decisions were based on local match funding. Mr. Scott replied SUN Trail does not have a system or criteria that considers the local match. Chair Murphy asked if there were any other questions. Mr. Gary Harrell noted SUN Trail involves making plans for the future and possibility of funds. Ms. Zambrano noted Cape Coral had received \$8 million in funding. Chair Murphy asked if there was a motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for SUN Trail Funds. Mr. Eric Ortman seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8a – *Review and Approve Revised Federal and State Funded Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this walk-on agenda item for the review and approval of the Federal and State Funded Priorities. He handed out the priority table and showed it as a slide. He mentioned the West Terry roundabout project was added. He reviewed the fourteen total priorities on the list. Ms. Zambrano asked about Big Carlos. Mr. Scott said the project would receive \$5 million per year for the next three years. Ms. Zambrano noted the Cape Coral need for the SR 78 segment and pointed out that no right-of-way would be needed. Mr. Scott said they may need right-of-way if there are revised or different standards, particularly for stormwater ponds. Chair Murphy asked for a motion.

Mr. Matt Feeney made the motion to approve the Revised Federal and State Funded Priorities. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Presentation on the Old US 41 - US 41 to Bonita Beach Road PD&E Study

Mr. Scott said that FDOT had requested this agenda item be added to the agenda but there was no one present to provide an update. He asked Mr. Feeney if he had any information he could share. Mr. Feeney said the project had started and there would be a public meeting held in April or sometime next year. He said there would also be a presentation to the Collier MPO Board. He mentioned the City of Bonita had a Complete Streets goal. Mr. Scott clarified that the section of road was the City of Bonita. Mr. Feeney replied yes, documentation was provided. Chair Murphy noted that Collier County controls the other portion. Mr. Feeney added that Lee County was still considered a stakeholder in the process. Mr. Scott asked if RK&K was the consultant. Mr. Feeney replied yes. Mr. Gogoi asked Chair Murphy if Lee County would still like the Buckingham/Gunnery roundabout to be a safety funding priority. There was a brief discussion on the safety funds and this project. Mr. Scott said he could just resubmit the project and no further action was necessary.

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. Harrell introduced Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO's newest employee, Ms. Sai Edara (Sammy). Mr. Scott noted there would be no MPO meetings in July and the next TAC meeting would be in August. Ms. Zambrano announced that the SR78 traffic signal had been successfully implemented in conjunction with FDOT and the developer. Chair Murphy asked where the next signal on SR78 would be added. Ms. Zambrano said it would be at Hibiscus. Mr. Gogoi mentioned the High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) Grant Roundtable meeting that was being held on June 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. Karakos asked if invitations had been sent out. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. A brief discussion followed on the HVE grants.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

The topics for next meeting included the aviation priorities and a presentation from the Lee County Port Authority.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The information and distribution items included a revised agenda and Federal and State Funded Priority table. Mr. Scott mentioned he had included FDOT's Roadwatch report to the CAC packet as an information and distribution item.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

*Action Items *May Require Action

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