

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, August 1, 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 and Alicia Dixon with the Lee County Port Authority; Levi McCollum with LeeTran; Anthony Palermo and Nicole Monahan with the City of Fort Myers; Gary Harrell and Sai “Sammy” Edara with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; Charles Kammerer with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; and Mike Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Lee County Department of Community Development Intern Shayna Dowling; Michael Tisch with FDOT; Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; and Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group.

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 said that LeeTran had nothing to report.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said FDOT was currently coordinating with the MPO staff on Work Program priorities.

Chair Murphy moved to information only Agenda Item #10 – Lee County Port Authority Presentation due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #10 - Lee County Port Authority Presentation

Ms. Alicia Dixon with the Lee County Port Authority (LCPA) gave a Power Point slide presentation on planned and ongoing activities at the Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and at the Page Field Airport (FMY). Her presentation included slides on LCPA Funding, RSW Economic Benefit, Page Field Improvements, and RSW Improvements. Ms. Dixon then continued her presentation with a Fly-Through Video on the new terminal design at RSW. Ms. Dixon’s last few slides covered both the tower and runway improvements. The presentation can be viewed here: http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2019.06.12-TMOC_TAC_CAC-LCPA-Presentation.pdf

Agenda Item #11 - Review of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Calandra Barraco presented this agenda item for the review of the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar. She referred to the 2020 MPO Meeting Calendar that was included in the agenda packet and asked

the committee to review the proposed meeting dates. She said if there were any issues or conflicts to email her.

Agenda Item #12 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

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

Agenda Item #13 – Announcements

Mr. Scott mentioned information on the M-Cores project website and said he would have it forwarded to the committee. He added there would be a meeting held in Tampa on August 27, 2019 and Lee County Commissioner Pendergrass has been chosen to represent Lee County. He said the Executive Committee will choose a member at their August MEC meeting to represent the MPO. He also mentioned a prior study that was conducted in 2007 by Turnpike that projected a funding shortfall due to low traffic.

Chair Murphy asked if there was anything that could be done for the voting items from this meeting. Mr. Scott said that most of the items can be voted on at the September TAC meeting which occurs before the MPO Board meets for their next meeting in September. He added the Aviation Priorities should be reviewed at the meeting as they are due to FDOT and will be brought to the Executive Committee.

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the June 6, 2019 TAC Meeting Summary

This item did not get reviewed or approved due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Item #5 - *Review and Approval of the Aviation Priorities

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Aviation Priorities from LCPA. He handed out printed copies of the Page Field and RSW Priorities that had also been emailed to the committee. He added that any questions could be addressed to Ms. Dixon from LCPA. Mr. Scott said a consensus of the committee could be made and any issues could be brought up. Chair Murphy asked if this will need to come back next month. Mr. Andy Getch said he had reviewed the priorities, and they look good. Chair Murphy noted there was a consensus.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review of the Preliminary Scope for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan

Mr. Scott then asked if there were any comments on the Preliminary Scope for the Update of the Fort Myers Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan before it gets taken back to the Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinating Committee. Mr. Gogoi noted previous comments had been incorporated. He said any additional comments could be emailed to him, and he would forward to Mr. Karakos. Chair Murphy asked if there were any comments. Ms. Nicole DeVaughn said Mr. Karakos had done a good job working on comments and revising. Mr. Scott said this will come back before it goes to the MPO Board for final approval. Mr. Getch thanked Fort Myers staff for incorporating comments made by him on behalf of the Lee County Department of Community Development.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Roll Forward Amendments

Chair Murphy referred to this agenda item. Mr. Scott said it could come back at the September meeting.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities

Chair Murphy referred to this agenda item. Mr. Scott said it could come back at the September meeting. There was a brief discussion on the I-75 PD&E project that was listed in Agenda Item #6 – Roll Forward Amendments.

Agenda Item #9 - *Review and Approval of the Updated LRTP Goals and Objectives

Chair Murphy referred to this agenda item. Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments. He said this agenda item will also come back at the next meeting. Mr. Scott said there was a CAC discussion on climate change and sea level rise related to planning for bridges and roads. He added that road related drainage projects might help with flooding. There was a brief discussion on water studies and lack of funding to address. Mr. Getch asked about including Vision Zero in Objective Seven. Mr. Scott said he can update to include that as well as address it in the performance measures. Mr. Harrell referred back to Agenda Item #8 – Joint Lee County MPO and Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO TRIP Priorities. He noted that the Charlotte MPO had adopted the priorities and their approval process was thus complete. There was a brief discussion on autonomous vehicles.

Agenda Item #14 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included bringing all of the voting items back and also discussions on additional LRTP elements.

Agenda Item #15 - Information and Distribution Items

Information and distribution items included print outs of the Aviation Priorities and M-Cores updates to be emailed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

***Action Items †May Require Action**

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