

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, December 5, 2019  
City of Cape Coral Public Works Building  
815 Nicholas Parkway East, Cape Coral, FL 33990  
**9:30 a.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Chair David Murphy. Roll call was delayed while waiting for a quorum to be achieved.

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

There were no public comments on items on the agenda.

A quorum was achieved and Chair Murphy asked Mr. Scott to call roll.

### **Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

The roll was called. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Andy Getch with the Lee County Department of Community Development; David Murphy with the Lee County Department of Transportation; Tyler Brown with the Lee County Port Authority; Dawn Huff with LeeTran; Persides Zambrano with the Cape Coral Department of Public Works; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Craig Chandler with the City of Sanibel; Matt Feeney with the City of Bonita Springs; Lakshmi Gurram with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; and Bill Walker with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott with the Lee County MPO; and Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report**

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran gave the LeeTran report. She said they sent out the RFP for a consultant for the update of their Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Transit Development Plan (TDP). She noted they received the proposals and are currently reviewing them. She said they will choose one soon so the tasks can be completed before the end of 2020. Mr. Scott said this schedule coincides with the development of the LRTP and will be included as part of the transit element with the hopes of better end products, public involvement, and regional coordination.

### **Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report**

Mr. Don Scott gave the FDOT report. He announced the next Southwest-Central M-Cores Task Force meetings will be held Monday, December 9, 2019 at the Labelle Civic Center and December 12 at the North Collier Park in Naples. Chair Murphy asked if there was a website. Mr. Scott replied yes and provided that additional information. The committee briefly discussed the configuration of the connector, starting and ending points, economic growth, GIS layers, and need. Chair Murphy brought up a recent letter sent by FDOT regarding street light maintenance. He asked if other municipalities are signing the agreement and said Lee County is not. The committee discussed street light replacement, safety funds, traffic signals, MPO funding of street light replacement, conditions of new FDOT agreement, other examples of FDOT maintenance, and bringing the FDOT street light agreement back as an agenda item.

## **New Business**

### **Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the November 7, 2019 TAC Meeting Summary**

**Mr. Andy Getch made the motion to approve the November 7, 2019 Meeting Summary. Ms. Persides Zambrano seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of the Updated SUN Trail Priorities**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated SUN Trail Priorities and to recommend MPO Executive Committee approval of the updated SUN Trail Priorities. Mr. Scott handed out the updated version of the SUN Trail Priorities. Mr. Scott reviewed and explained the cost estimates on the priority list. The committee briefly discussed local matches for the JYLP project. Mr. Scott also explained the history of requesting funding from the legislation, the SUN Trail map for our area, the US 41 trail project history including crossing along the Caloosahatchee bridge, and seeking funding. He said we have also been informed by FDOT that unfunded project phases that were submitted as part of a SUN Trail funding request from the 2017 funding cycle need not be re-submitted as they will be automatically considered for funding. The committee discussed the SUN Trail map and need for update. Mr. Scott said he is looking for approval of the updated priorities that will then be taken to the Executive Committee for approval as there is no MPO Board meeting in December and the list is due to FODT by the end of December.

**Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the Updated SUN Trail Priorities. Mr. Matt Feeney seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **Agenda Item #6 - Review and Provide Input on the Updated Current Year Box Funded Project Priorities**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the updated list of potential projects for the additional federal funds that were added to the MPO's Multi-modal Box in the current year. He said he is hoping to bring TIP amendments back soon for projects to spend the additional \$2.7 million in federal funding in FY19/20 that is now shown in the Multi-modal Enhancement Box. He added, as was discussed at the last meeting, there are restrictions to how it can be spent, for instance a new project cannot exceed \$543,000, that are making it difficult to find projects to fund. He referred to the staff updated list that was attached to the agenda packet for review based on the input from FDOT and the comments that we have received from the local jurisdictions. Mr. Scott noted the funding could be used for the bus replacement parts as it could just be added to the line that is already in the TIP. He also said the first priority, the Lidar scanner, is good as it had been approved by FHWA. Chair Murphy clarified that the top three projects on the list were good. Mr. Scott replied yes. Mr. Scott noted the other projects on the list had unanswered questions regarding local funds matches. The committee discussed LAP agreements with relations to the projects on the list. Mr. Scott said he would have an answer on the local funds question by next month. He also noted funds could roll forward. The committee discussed the bridge replacement in Lehigh. Mr. Scott added the funding could all be spent among the first three projects on the list if no further responses are given on the local funds questions. Mr. Scott said a motion will not be needed until next month when the TIP amendments are brought back. Mr. Scott noted the next meeting was scheduled for January 2. The committee discussed the election of officers at the January meeting.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Review of the 2045 LRTP Population and Housing Projections**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the 2045 LRTP Population and Housing Projections. He said for this long range plan update, the MPO is using the Interactive Growth Model to

determine the population, housing, demographic and employment data for the traffic analysis zones forecast to 2045. He referred to the population data, though it is not final yet, that can be found at this link: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/T07a.2045-Housing-Data.csv> He said next month, the employment data will be filled in as well. He added the preliminary analysis, that has been provided so far, is indicating a 2045 population about mid-way between the medium Bureau of Economic Business Research with the University of Florida (BEER) and the high BEER projections for 2045. The committee discussed the population growth distribution in Lee County through 2045. Mr. Scott discussed the Executive Committee direction to confirm the population growth numbers from the growth model and bring it back to the next meeting. Mr. Scott also brought up climate change and how it might impact the growth projections. The committee discussed the historical trend bias of BEER and growth projections in surrounding counties. Mr. Scott asked the committee how they felt about using the projections from the interactive growth model. Ms. Zambrano commented that Cape Coral was comfortable with the projections for Cape Coral. The committee discussed the consultant that was doing the growth model, projections for other areas of Lee County, and build out for Lee County. Mr. Scott noted the LRTP is updated every five years so the projections can be adjusted then as well. Chair Murphy asked what the growth projections are used for. Mr. Scott said they are used in the transportation model of the LRTP. The committee discussed the population per dwelling unit, vacancies, and definition of build out. Mr. Scott said he would have build out numbers when the growth model data was complete. Mr. Scott said more on this item will come back in the next few meetings. The committee briefly discussed the holidays and local government offices and agency closures.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - +Review and Comment on the Updated LRTP Scoring Criteria**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for review and comment on the updated Long Range Transportation Plan scoring criteria, that was attached to the agenda packet. He said MPO staff has updated the Long Range Plan project evaluation criteria for review based on the comments we have received from the committees and the MPO's Executive Committee. He noted the changes that have been made include a higher weighting for capacity, project commitment and safety with lower weighting on the others to come out to 100. He added, the scoring for resiliency has been revised to add points for projects located in a hurricane evacuation zone and the bridge/resurfacing timelines have been separated for the preservation and maintenance of assets criteria. Mr. Scott also referenced the environmental justice areas from the last LRTP and the current data. He said he couldn't find the activity centers information and asked Mr. Andy Getch if he could provide additional information. Mr. Getch said he would send that information to Mr. Scott. Mr. Scott said he is looking for comments on weighting and scoring. The committee briefly discussed the possibility of including security with safety, scoring changes since last time, making safety the primary priority, transit, bicycle pedestrian priority scoring, regional van-pooling, operational funding for transit, and commercial locations being developed near Corkscrew Road. Mr. Scott said he would also bring back some projects scored based on these criteria. The committee briefly discussed the scoring criteria and totaling to 100. Mr. Scott said a vote was not necessary.

#### **Other Business**

#### **Agenda Item #9 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda**

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

#### **Agenda Item #10 - Announcements**

Chair Murphy announced Mr. Andy Getch was retiring at the end of December. Mr. Getch said this would be his last meeting, and it has been an honor to serve. He said his new position would be the

Facility Manager for the Lee County Alliance for the Arts. Mr. Getch said he had been with Lee County for almost 24 years.

**Agenda Item #11 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics for next meeting included TIP Amendments, LRTP tasks, and FDOT street lights.

**Agenda Item #12 - Information and Distribution Items**

Information and distribution items included the latest MPOAC Legislative Update.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.**

\*Action Items    †May Require Action

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