

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, May 7, 2020

**VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING**

**9:30 a.m.**



## Meeting Minutes

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The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at approximately 9:35 a.m. by Chair David Murphy.

### **Roll Call**

The roll was called by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Rick Burris 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; Debbie Ferris with Lee County Schools Transportation District; Persides Zambrano with the Cape Coral Department of Public Works; Anthony Palermo with the City of Fort Myers; Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Kalyani Bhutada with Fort Myers Beach; Matt Noble with Estero; Anne McLaughlin with the Collier MPO; Gary Harrell and Lakshmi Gurram with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; Charles Kammerer with the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council; and Michael Cook with Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, Brian Raimondo, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Jorge Sotolongo and Rodrigo Ronda with Graph Code; Jorge Valens and Alicia Gonzalez with MRG; Henri Belrose with WG Inc.; Babuji Ambikapathy with VHB; Jessica Smith with HDR; Tamara Pigott with Lee County; David Urich, a citizen of Lee County; Wally Blain with Tindale Oliver; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; and Kyle Purvis, D’Juan Harris and Michael Tisch with FDOT.

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

Mr. David Urich, a citizen of Lee County, gave a public comment, including a visual presentation, on Agenda Item #11. His presentation provided information on the Littleton/Kismet, Mellow/Slater, and Gator Slough areas and adding certain projects to the 2045 LRTP for future connections. Mr. Urich’s slide presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/D-Urich-Presentation-Slides.pdf>

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

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report. She gave a Power Point presentation that included information on the COA and TDP update, workshops, surveys, draft technical memorandum, LeeTran grant applications for Lehigh Park & Ride/Transfer Center and mobility on demand services, passenger amenities, and bus stop improvements. Ms. Huff’s presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-2-LeeTran.pdf>

Mr. Don Scott asked about the mobility on demand service. Ms. Huff explained. Chair Murphy asked if there were any other questions. There were none. Ms. Huff briefly explained the new bus stop shelters.

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

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He said he was working with MPO staff on the UPWP and looking at projects. It was requested to move Agenda Item #9 up to be presented directly after Agenda Item #3.

## **Agenda Item #9 - Review and Provide Input on the Design of Improvements for the SR 865 from Estero to North of Hurricane Pass Bridge Project**

Chair Murphy had a project limit question on the SR 865 project being presented in Agenda Item #9. Mr. D’Juan Harris with FDOT said that would be addressed in the presentation. Mr. Harris then introduced the EOR, Mr. Henri Belrose with WG Inc. Mr. Harris continued with a Power Point presentation that included information on the project objectives, project timeline, project overview, and coordination with other local projects. Chair Murphy asked about the intersection at San Carlos and Fifth Street. Mr. Harris said the recommendation is for a signal at Fifth Street. Mr. Harris continued his presentation with a slide on the project website and newsletter. Mr. Harris’ presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-9-San-Carlos-MPO-Presentation-and-wants-to-move-up-to-3-FDOT-report.pdf> He asked if there were any questions. Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions for Mr. Harris, Mr. Tisch, or FDOT. There were none. There was a brief discussion on street light maintenance in Lee County.

### **New Business**

## **Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the March 5, 2020 TAC Meeting Summary**

**Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Meeting Summary. Ms. Debbie Ferris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of the FY 2020/2021 & FY 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 Unified Planning Work Program that was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott explained that every two years the MPO develops the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that serves as the budget to indicate what the MPO will be doing over that time period. He added a draft of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was submitted to FDOT and FHWA and their comments as well as the comments that have been submitted to date have been addressed in this updated version with Ms. Diana Giraldo’s Streets Alive budget comment included in Appendix E. Mr. Scott also explained the additional carry forward funds that were applied to bike ped outreach and the Cape Coral Evacuation Study. He then reviewed the budget charts and tasks for the next two fiscal years. He asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. Chair Murphy asked for a motion.

**Ms. Anne McLaughlin made the motion to approve the FY 2020/2021 and FY 2021/2022 UPWP. Ms. Persides Zambrano seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Approval of the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated Lee and Collier and Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda MPO TRIP priorities. He explained the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) provides funding for roadway and transit projects on the previously adopted regional roadway network map. He added the TRIP priorities have been updated to be consistent with the current eligible projects included in the local Capital Improvement Elements. He explained the formatting difference between Collier and Charlotte and then reviewed the projects. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Murphy asked if the project costs were construction only. Mr. Scott replied most are for construction as it is not funded as much for right-of-way or design.

Chair Murphy asked if there were any more questions or comments. Mr. Harrell said he should have numbers soon for the Flamingo project, and he would provide them to Mr. Scott. Chair Murphy asked if Mr. Urich's public comment should be addressed here. Mr. Scott replied that Mr. Urich's comments pertained to Agenda Item #11.

**Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the Updated Lee and Collier & Lee and Charlotte-Punta Gorda TRIP Priorities. Mr. Gary Harrell seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - \*Review and Approval of the Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan**

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the attached Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan. He said as part of the ongoing update of our Long-Range Transportation Plan, staff has developed the Goods Movement scope of services that was attached to the agenda packet that will cover the freight component of the 2045 LRTP. He explained the scope covers all aspects of goods movement in Lee County including highway, rail, and air. He continued with a presentation on scope highlights and impacts of e-commerce. Chair Murphy asked if the road system impacts of e-commerce distribution centers are being examined. Mr. Scott replied yes, they are taken into account in the models. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with information on commodity movement and trends updates, supply chain updates, truck friendly design solutions, and supply chain resiliency. There was a brief discussion on truck delivery and routes in Lee County. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with additional information on supply chain resiliency. He said this item needed the committee's recommendation for approval by the MPO Board. Mr. Carl Karakos asked if the revised scope that was in the presentation was sent out. Mr. Gogoi said it was sent out by staff the prior day. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-7-Freight.pdf> Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions. There were none. He asked for a motion.

**Mr. Michael Cook made the motion to approve the revised Goods Movement Scope of Services for the 2045 Long Range Plan. Ms. Anne McLaughlin seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #8 - \*Recommend National Highway System Modification to add SR 82 to the System**

Mr. Gogoi introduced this agenda item and indicated MPO staff approved of the addition of SR 82 to the NHS. He then introduced Mr. Kyle Purvis with FDOT to present this agenda item to recommend that the Lee MPO approve the District 1 proposal for NHS modification to add SR 82 from SR 739 in Lee County to SR 29 in Collier County. Mr. Purvis gave a Power Point slide presentation that included information on what the NHS is, SR 82 NHS addition, programmed improvements, and requested action. The entire presentation can be accessed here: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Agenda-Item-8-NHS-Presentation.pdf> Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions or a motion.

**Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to recommend MPO approval of the addition of SR 82 to the National Highway System. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #10 - Review and Comment on Proposed Changes to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of and comment on the proposed changes to the MPO's Public Involvement Plan that was attached to the agenda packet. Mr. Scott said the MPO is updating the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to address the need for other outreach opportunities under emergency circumstances, as well as updating other outreach methods identified in the PIP. He referred to the PIP with proposed changes in underlined and strike through format. He asked for questions or input on these changes as well as recommendations that the Committee may have on the document. Ms. Zambrano asked if the MPO would be only using Zoom for virtual meetings. Mr. Scott said for the May meetings Zoom will be used, but he isn't sure what the MPO will be using moving forward. He added that he has been on other platforms. There was a brief discussion on virtual platforms, issues, and future meetings.

### **Agenda Item #11 - Update on the Long Range Development Activities and Review of the Initial Regional Model Run**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the LRTP development activities that include the postponement of the first public workshop scheduled for the prior month. He said the initial regional model run with the 2045 Socio-economic data on the 2023 Existing plus Committed roadway network has been analyzed and the results of this are shown on the map that was attached to the agenda packet, posted on the website, and shown as a slide at the meeting. He continued his presentation with information on LRTP activities, E + C Network, number of lanes map, and comments from Lee County for future model runs. Mr. Carl Karakos questioned why Edison Avenue to Ortiz was on one map but not the other. Mr. Scott asked if it was being funded. Mr. Karakos said it is in the CIP but may not be done based on funding. Mr. Scott noted that nothing tested is definitely in the plan. There was a brief discussion on revenues/funding and modeling. Mr. Scott said he would forward the latest data when he receives it on Friday. Mr. Gogoi brought up the Summerlin/Colonial study and long term improvements. Chair Murphy commented that Mr. David Loveland would be presenting options at a future Board of County Commissioners meeting. Mr. Karakos inquired about First and Second Street projects and said he would send information to Mr. Scott. Chair Murphy commented on Lockett Road. In reference to the earlier public comment given by Mr. Urich, Chair Murphy asked if Cape Coral had looked at Kismet to Burnt Store. Ms. Zambrano replied yes, and explained why Diplomat was the chosen route. Mr. Gary Harrell mentioned Tuckers Grade and Notre Dame in Charlotte County. Chair Murphy asked if there were any additional comments. There were none.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Review of the Draft FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review of the draft FY 2020/2021 - FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP is located at the following link: <http://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/T12a.Draft-TIP-TAC-CAC.pdf> Mr. Scott mentioned potential impacts from funding cuts in other districts. There was a brief discussion on the SR 80 projects. Chair Murphy asked what the SR 80 project was currently. Mr. Scott explained. Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none.

### **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 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott mentioned the MPO meetings that were being held virtually. He noted the public workshop will be dealt with after direction from the MPO Board Friday. Mr. Karakos updated the committee on

the Fort Myers Bike Master Plan progress. Chair Murphy mentioned LA-MSID did not receive the grant for the Richmond Bridge project. There was a brief discussion on the project. Chair Murphy asked if there were any other announcements. There were none.

### **Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting**

Topics suggested for next meeting included TIP approval, priorities, and LRTP updates.

### **Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items**

The Information and Distribution Items included the I-75 Kickoff meeting information. Mr. Scott mentioned the Origin and Destination information in the study.

**The virtual Zoom meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.**

**A complete audio recording of the meeting can be accessed here:** <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/05-07-2020-tac>

\*Action Items    \*May Require Action

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