

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Thursday, June 4, 2020

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

9:30 a.m.



Meeting Minutes

The virtual Zoom meeting was called to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. by Chair David Murphy.

Roll Call

The roll was recorded 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 and Carlos Menjivar 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; Kalyani Bhutada with the Town of Fort Myers Beach; Anne McLaughlin with the Collier MPO; Gary Harrell, Lakshmi Gurram, and Sai Edara with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO; and Michael Cook with the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District. Others in attendance included Don Scott, Ron Gogoi, and Calandra Barraco with the Lee County MPO; Jorge Sotolongo with Graph Code; Jorge Valens with MRG; Elisa Ramirez with HDR; Tamara Pigott with Lee County; David Urich, a member of the public; John Majka, a member of the public; Thomas Kanell, a member of the public; Wally Blain with Tindale Oliver; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; and Lawrence Massey and Michael Tisch with FDOT.

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

Mr. David Urich gave a public comment on Agenda Item #12/LRTP Updates and his request to remove the Del Prado Interchange project. His public comment presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Dave-Urich-Presentation.pdf>

Mr. John Majka gave a public comment on Agenda Item #5/TIP and his request to realign the SR80 pathway and sidewalk projects that are included in the TIP.

Mr. Thomas Kanell gave a public comment on Agenda Item #2/LeeTran and his request for LeeTran to evaluate his pulse system proposal for Lee County. His public comment presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Thomas-Kanell-Public-Comment.pptx>

Agenda Item #2 - LeeTran Report

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report. Her presentation included information on the progress of LeeTran's COA and TDP, Rosa Parks project status, and the new LeeTran bus shelters. The photograph of the shelter can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-2-LeeTran-Bus-Shelter.jpg> There was a brief discussion on the positioning of the bicycle rack in the photograph. Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions for Ms. Huff. There were none. Chair Murphy asked if anyone was corresponding with Mr. Kanell. Ms. Huff said she would find out.

Agenda Item #3 - FDOT Report

Mr. Michael Tisch with FDOT gave the FDOT report. He noted he was currently working on finishing the MPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) contract for the next two years. He added the cycle was starting to look at new projects in July. Chair Murphy asked when SR 80 will go out to bid. Mr.

Tisch replied that decision is made in Tallahassee. Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions for Mr. Tisch. There were none.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the May 7, 2020 TAC Meeting Summary

Ms. Dawn Huff made the motion to approve the May 7, 2020 Meeting Summary. Ms. Anne McLaughlin seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and endorsement of the FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 19, 2020. He gave a Power Point presentation that included information on TIP overview and funding, SR 80 pathway and sidewalk projects comments, and SR 80 southside sidewalk. Chair Murphy asked if the sidewalk on the south side is eight feet. Mr. Scott replied yes. Chair Murphy noted that is the narrowest width for a shared use path. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on the SR 80 north side pathway, SR 80 project history, and SUN Trail map. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-FY-21-25-TIP.pptx> He asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Murphy asked if it was twelve feet or eight feet on the north side. Mr. Scott replied the north side is eight feet and ten feet. Mr. Scott mentioned an additional public comment he had received from Deborah Ann DePhillips. Her public comment can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Deborah-Ann-Public-Comment-TIP-Agenda-5.pdf> Other SR 80 project comments can be viewed at the following links: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/From-May-7-2019-to-May-26-2020-John-Majka-Comments.pdf> AND <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/SR-80-Projects-Comments.pdf> The TIP can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/TIP-FY20-21-through-24-25.pdf> The committee briefly discussed the history of the SR 80 project, minimum width for shared use paths, other sidewalks and pathways in Lee County, and Lee County development code. Chair Murphy asked if there were any other questions, concerns, or a motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to endorse the FY 2020/2021 through FY 2024/2025 Transportation Improvement Program. Ms. Anne McLaughlin seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Approval of the Federal and State Funded Project Priorities

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the updated federal and state funded priorities that were attached to the agenda packet, posted to the website, and shown as slides at the meeting. He said the federal and state priority list has been updated to remove project phases that are now fully funded by FDOT and to add one new project for the US 41/SR 78 intersection improvement, from the recent FDOT ICE analysis. He noted most of the projects on the list are projects that have PD&E studies currently underway, or will start soon, and the next unfunded phase is design. He referenced and reviewed the revised priorities that were sent out prior to the meeting, posted to the website, shown at the meeting, and can be viewed at this link: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Revised-Federal-and-State-Funded-Priority-List-Agenda-6.pdf>

Ms. Debbie Ferris made the motion to approve the Federal and State Funded Project Priorities. Ms. Dawn Huff seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Multi-modal Projects

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to recommend the MPO priorities for MPO Allocated TA and SU Multimodal Box Funds. He gave a Power Point presentation that included information on priorities, funding, prioritization process, evaluation criteria, and priority chart review. He asked if there were any questions or a recommendation. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be accessed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-7-Multimodal-Priorities.pptx> Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions or a motion.

Mr. Gary Harrell made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Multi-modal Projects. Ms. Debbie Ferris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program funds

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and approve the list of staff recommended priorities for Highway Safety Program funds that was attached to the packet, posted to the website, and shown as a slide at the meeting. His presentation included information on description, funding, and projects including the Buckingham roundabout and the Winkler roundabout. Chair Murphy mentioned another roundabout in Lee County. Mr. Gogoi asked Chair Murphy to provide a better cost estimate before the MPO Board meeting, and Mr. Gogoi said he would update the cost estimate. Mr. Gogoi continued his presentation with a review of the final project – SR 78/US 41 intersection project. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-8-HSP-Priorities.pptx> Chair Murphy asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. He asked for a motion.

Ms. Persides Zambrano made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program Funds. Mr. Rick Burris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - *Review and Approval of the Transportation Performance Measure Consensus Document

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the Transportation Performance Measures (TPM) Planning Document that was attached to the packet, posted to the website, and shown as a slide at the meeting. He gave a Power Point presentation that included information on the TPM Consensus Document, safety performance targets, pavement and bridge condition targets, system performance and freight targets, TAMP, timeline, and document highlights. He said this items needs a recommendation from the committee for approval by the MPO Board. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be accessed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-9-TPM-Consensus-Document.pptx> Mr. Harrell asked if this document was separate from the TIP. Mr. Gogoi replied yes and further explained the history. Mr. Scott said this new procedure is based on guidance from Central Office. Mr. Harrell asked how long the Consensus Document was good for. Mr. Gogoi replied until FDOT advises that it needs to be updated. Mr. Scott said it would also have to be updated if targets change.

Mr. Gary Harrell made the motion to approve the Transportation Performance Measure Consensus Document. Ms. Persides Zambrano seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #10 - *Review and Approval of the Update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the revised Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan (TDSP). He said annually, the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan is reviewed and updated. He noted the updates this year include changes to match LeeTran providing the CTC services now. The document may be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T09a.TDSP-Update.pdf> He asked if there were any questions. Chair Murphy asked if this was the former Good Wheels program. Mr. Scott replied yes, transportation disadvantaged. Mr. Scott also mentioned this was approved by the LCB at their meeting the prior day. The committee briefly discussed how long LeeTran would remain as the CTC for Lee County. Chair Murphy asked for a motion.

Ms. Debbie Ferris made the motion to approve the Update to the Transportation Disadvantaged Service Plan. Ms. Persides Zambrano seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11 - FDOT Presentation on the 2045 SIS Cost Feasible Plan

Mr. Lawrence Massey, the new SIS Coordinator with FDOT, presented this agenda item on the Draft 2045 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Cost Feasible Plan. Mr. Massey's presentation included slides on SIS explanation/objectives, purpose and FTP goals, SIS planning and programming process, SIS CFP 2045 update process, selection of projects, SIS update/timeline, and Lee MPO candidate projects. Chair Murphy asked about the bridge replacement on SR 31. Mr. Massey said it was planned to be replaced with the alignment anticipated to be east of the current alignment. Mr. Massey continued his presentation with a further discussion of the Lee MPO projects and the survey. He noted the survey ends on June 26 and asked everyone to participate in the survey that asks for arrangement of projects by priority. Chair Murphy asked if the survey link could be sent out to the committee members. Mr. Massey replied yes. Mr. Scott said staff could forward it. Mr. Massey showed one additional slide with contact information and said that if anyone would like additional information they could call/email either him or Mr. Tisch. Mr. Massey's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-11-Draft-CFP-Presentation-Lee.pptx> The committee briefly discussed the Daniels/I-75 interchange, ten laning of I-75, costs, revenue forecast, estimates, and modeling. Chair Murphy asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He thanked Mr. Massey for his presentation. Mr. Massey said he will also present this information to the MPO Board and the CAC.

Agenda Item #12 - Update on the Development of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item as an update on the LRTP development activities that includes the development of a preliminary list of Needs projects and updated cost estimates, an updated list of committed projects within the first five years of the plan, and the results of the regional model run discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Scott gave a Power Point presentation that gave information on LRTP activities overview, 2045 E + C network map, first model run map, alternative one improvements results map, and alternative one minus E + C volume map. Chair Murphy questioned why the Midpoint Bridge was included and not the Cape bridge. Mr. Scott explained and noted the next run would include the Cape bridge at three lanes. He said he may also model another bridge crossing. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with a slide on alternative two improvements model run map and alternative two improvements District One map. Ms. Zambrano asked about the location of the additional bridge crossing that would be modeled. Mr. Scott said it would come off of south Cape and connect near Shell Point which might present issues as that part of Lee County already has capacity issues. The committee further discussed the bridge proposal, Cape/I-75 connections, modeling north near the Charlotte County line, updated cost estimates for preliminary needs, Sunshine extension to SR 80, Lockett extension,

Alico connection, Buckingham connection, future construction in Lehigh, Gateway segment failure, Three Oaks, Treeline/Daniels, interim interchange improvements, Colonial, examination of crashes, possible ICE analysis, and adding lanes and bicycle facilities. Chair Murphy asked if there were additional discussion items. There were none. Mr. Scott's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-12-LRTP-Update.pptx>

Other Business

Agenda Item #13 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. John Majka made another public comment on his request to realign the SR 80 pathway and sidewalk projects. His public comment presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/John-Majka-Public-Safety-Presentation-RE-SR80-3-22-20.pdf>

Chair Murphy asked if there were any other public comments. There were none.

Agenda Item #14 – Announcements

There were no announcements.

Agenda Item #15 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for the next meeting included the LRTP and the detailed scope of services for the Rails to Trails project.

Agenda Item #16 - Information and Distribution Items

There were no information and distribution items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:29 a.m.

The entire meeting audio can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/06-04-2020-tac>

*Action Items +May Require Action

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