

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Thursday, June 3, 2021
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 at 9:31 a.m. by Chair Persides Zambrano.

Roll Call

The roll was called and recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance included Rick Burris with the Lee County Department of Community Development; Ian Sikonia and Barry Anderson with Lee County Port Authority; Dawn Huff with LeeTran; Persides Zambrano with the Cape Coral Department of Public Works; Anthony Palermo and Carl Karakos with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Anne McLaughlin with the Collier MPO; Lakshmi Gurram with the Charlotte County – Punta Gorda MPO; and Mike 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; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; and Victoria Peters with FDOT.

Chair Zambrano noted she would need to leave by 10:45 a.m. and Mr. Carl Karakos added that he would need to leave by 10:30 a.m.

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

Ms. Dawn Huff with LeeTran provided the LeeTran report. She provided a presentation that included slides with information on ridership comparisons between years, Rosa Parks site plan, Rosa Parks aerial view, Rosa Parks architectural rendering, South Park and Ride site plan, South Park and Ride aerial view, South Park and Ride architectural rendering, Lehigh Park and Ride site plan, and Lehigh Park and Ride aerial view. Ms. Huff's entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-2-LeeTran-TAC-Ridership-Project-Update.pdf> The committee briefly discussed Greyhound facilities at Rosa Parks, location of the South Park and Ride, security at the Lehigh Park and Ride, trail being constructed on the south side of Lehigh Park and Ride, parking at the Edison Mall and the LeeTran bus transfer station, Edison mall routes, Lehigh routes, mobility on demand, ADA and paratransit, and the location of Lehigh Park and Ride.

Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. She mentioned the upcoming I-75 virtual public meeting being held on June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She said this will include a live question and answer section. She also noted she would be staying with FDOT. Chair Zambrano said she was glad Ms. Peters was staying. Ms. Peters said they could review the project switches for Cape Coral. Chair Zambrano agreed.

New Business

Agenda Item #4 - *Review and Approval of the May 6, 2021 TAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Michael Cook made the motion to approve the May 6, 2021 Meeting Summary. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 - *Endorsement of the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item for the review and endorsement of the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to be forwarded to the MPO Board for their approval on June 18, 2021. A link to the TIP was provided in the agenda packets, posted to the MPO website, and is also included below. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that included slides with information on overview of the Draft TIP and performance measures. Mr. Scott and Mr. Gogoi briefly discussed not meeting safety targets, projects, and performance measures. Mr. Scott continued his presentation with information on the Five Year Fiscal Constraint Summary, Lee MPO Operational Funding, and the SR 31 project. His entire presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-5-FY-22-26-TIP.pdf> Mr. Scott asked if there were any questions or comments. Chair Zambrano said she was working with Ms. Peters on moving projects. Ms. Peters noted she had spoken with LAP staff and they asked for a spreadsheet of the projects and where Chair Zambrano would like them moved to. Chair Zambrano said she could provide that information. Ms. Peters added the Work Program cycle was starting early this year as they are on an accelerated cycle. Mr. Scott commented that the session was earlier this year as well. Chair Zambrano asked if there were any other comments or questions. Mr. Gogoi then provided a brief Power Point presentation on the Richmond Bridge project that included slides with information on the map of the location and SRTS TIP sidewalk funding page. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Richmond-Bridge.pdf> Mr. Cook commented on the delay of funding and the project progress with possible construction in 2022. Chair Zambrano noted this might free up funding and asked for a motion to endorse.

Ms. Dawn Huff made the motion to approve the FY 2021/2022 through FY 2025/2026 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Link to the TIP: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T05a.Lee-MPO-Draft-TIP-for-FY-21-22-through-FY-25-26.pdf>

Agenda Item #6 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Multi-modal Projects

Mr. Ron Gogoi presented this agenda item for the review and approval of the recommended Multimodal Box Fund Priorities that were attached to the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. Mr. Gogoi briefly explained the funding category and then provided a presentation that included a review of the multimodal box fund projects tables and the Federal and State Funded Priorities Funding table. Mr. Gogoi's presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Items-6-and-7-Priorities.pdf> The committee discussed moving the Fort Myers Beach project to FY 2022/2023, cost of projects, explanations of funding source differences for projects on state roads, coronavirus funding sources, and a possible missing Skyline project in table. Chair Zambrano said there were two Skyline projects and the missing project had limits from Trafalgar to Pine Island Road. Mr. Gogoi said he would check on the project. Mr. Gogoi asked for a motion. Mr. Ian Sikonia asked for clarification on the classification of the McGregor/Iona project as multimodal. Mr. Gogoi explained the funding source can be used for that type of project. Ms. Peters further explained FDOT was not using landmarks anymore and the project name had changed to reflect that. She asked Mr. Gogoi if this project was advancing. Mr. Gogoi replied yes. The committee briefly discussed the Challenger/Winkler roundabout project programming and funding. Ms. Peters said she would set up a meeting with the City of Fort Myers staff to further discuss that project. Mr. Gogoi

explained the time frame for the coronavirus funding authorization of projects and use. Chair Zambrano asked for a motion that included looking into the inclusion of the Skyline project from Trafalgar to Pine Island. Mr. Gogoi said he would look into the project and add it if it was missing.

Mr. Matt Noble made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Multimodal projects with the possible addition of the Skyline project from Trafalgar to Pine Island and the update of the McGregor/Iona project title. Mr. Carl Karakos seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 - *Review and Recommend MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program Funds

Mr. Gogoi presented this agenda item to review and approve the list of staff recommended priorities for Highway Safety Program funds that were included in the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. He provided a brief presentation that continued the Power Point slides from the previous agenda item and included information on the Highway Safety Program and review of the project table. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Items-6-and-7-Priorities.pdf> The committee briefly discussed the districts now being able to decide which projects to fund, SR 78/US 41 intersection project, and the Challenger/Winkler project. Chair Zambrano asked for a motion to endorse.

Mr. Carl Karakos made the motion to approve the MPO Priorities for Highway Safety Program Funds. Mr. Michael Cook seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #8 - *Review and Approval of the Proposed LRTP Amendments

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for the review and approval of proposed amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to add the construction of a sidewalk on the US 41 Caloosahatchee Bridge and to add transit technology capital purchases. Mr. Scott reviewed the proposed underline and strike through changes to the federal/state funding table, the TMA funding table, and the transit element improvements table were attached to the agenda packet and posted to the MPO website. The information can also be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/T08-5.pdf>

Ms. Dawn Huff made the motion to approve the Proposed LRTP Amendments. Mr. Matt Noble seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9 - Commute With Enterprise Presentation

This agenda item was omitted due to presenter being unable to attend the meeting.

Other Business

Agenda Item #10 - Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

Mr. Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group commented that it was great to see everyone.

Agenda Item #11 – Announcements

Chair Zambrano welcomed Ms. Peters back. Ms. Anne McLaughlin mentioned Collier MPO was still looking for planners. Mr. Carl Karakos announced the new City of Fort Myers manager would be starting Monday. Mr. Scott announced there would be no July meeting, and the next meeting would

be in August. Ms. Huff announced LeeTran was beginning its Bus Stop ADA Assessment and Transition Plan to improve bus stops and make improvements throughout Lee County.

Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting

Topics suggested for next meeting included the aviation priorities and the roll-forward report.

Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items

The Information and Distribution Items included the I-75 South Corridor Virtual Public Meeting Information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/06-03-2021-tacwma>

*Action Items †May Require Action

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