

# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Lee County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Thursday, August 5, 2021  
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 9:31 a.m. by Mr. Don Scott. Chair Persides Zambrano arrived at 9:32 a.m.

### Roll Call

The roll was recorded by MPO staff. There was a quorum. Those members in attendance introduced themselves and 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, Nicole Monahan, Rene Brito, and Barb Carr with the City of Fort Myers; Matt Noble with the Village of Estero; Anne McLaughlin with the Collier MPO; Gary Harrell and Betty-Ann Sherer 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; Tamara Pigott with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau; Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group; and Victoria Peters with FDOT.

### 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 mentioned LeeTran was moving forward with their three projects with Lehigh in the design phase. She announced LeeTran hired a new planning manager, Mr. Dominic Gemelli. She added LeeTran was preparing for seasonal service.

### Agenda Item #3 – FDOT Report

Ms. Victoria Peters with FDOT provided the FDOT report. She noted FDOT was working on the new draft tentative Work Program with hopes of having it completed in the fall for presentation to the MPO Board in November.

### **New Business**

### Agenda Item #4 - \*Review and Approval of the June 3, 2021 TAC Meeting Summary

Mr. Michael Cook made the motion to approve the June 3, 2021 Meeting Summary. Ms. Dawn Huff seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

### Agenda Item #5 - \*Review and Approval of the Roll Forward Amendments

Mr. Don Scott presented this agenda item to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Fiscal Year 2021 Roll Forward projects which are inserted at the end of the TIP and were attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. Mr. Scott explained each year there are projects that are scheduled to be authorized prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, when the previous TIP is in effect, but for various reasons the projects do not get authorized. He said these projects will automatically roll forward in FDOT's Work Program but need to be accounted for in

the MPO's TIP and this amendment is being done to account for these projects in the new TIP. Mr. Scott noted there were many small dollar amounts that were still showing up in the report. He reviewed some of the projects including the I-75 project that had been mentioned by Commissioner Hamman at a previous MPO Board meeting. Chair Zambrano asked where the roll forward amount could be found in the report. Mr. Scott said it was under the 2022 column. The committee briefly discussed several Cape Coral sidewalk projects left on the report with small dollar amounts, final invoice submitted for Cape Coral sidewalk project, right of way on I-75, history of I-75 project from 2010, fate of the small dollar amount funding still in the table for completed projects, when that funding will return to the Work Program, and the project number for the I-75 project. Ms. Peters said she would check on that project. Chair Zambrano asked for a motion.

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

#### **Agenda Item #6 - \*Review and Comment on the Draft Origin Destination Scope of Services**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review and comment on the draft scope of services for the Origin Destination Travel Characteristics study that was attached to the agenda packet, posted to the MPO website, and shown as slides at the meeting. He said the scope has been drafted to conduct an origin destination traffic study that will be used to update the trip tables that are used in the traffic model as well as providing travel patterns for upcoming planning studies. He added that one of the MPO's current GPCs has software that can be used to analyze the data. He said there was \$30,000 budgeted for the study in the UPWP. The committee briefly discussed the possibility of using other software or consultants, use of geolocation data/cell phone tracking for visitor data, much-needed update of trip table, model calibration, and evacuation study. Chair Zambrano asked if this will go to the MPO Board. Mr. Scott replied yes as the amount is over \$25,000. Chair Zambrano asked if there was a motion.

**Mr. Ian Sikonia made the motion to approve the Origin and Destination Scope of Services. Mr. Rick Burris seconded the motion. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Review of the Current Crash Data**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item to review the current crash data. Mr. Scott provided a Power Point presentation that contained slides with information on the crash numbers for Lee County through July 15<sup>th</sup> for 2021, the totals that were reported for 2020, speed counts, safety performance measures, Lee County CTST crash data, emphasis areas, and outreach activities. His presentation can be viewed here: <https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Agenda-Item-7-Current-Crash-Data.pdf> Mr. Scott asked if there were any comments. The committee discussed safety projects, COVID impacts, Fowler project, micro mobility, reaching drivers, Fort Myers projects and utility replacement, Streetlight data expense and limitations, and possible grant funding for data licensing.

#### **Agenda Item #8 - Information on the Congestion Analysis in the Urban Analysis Dashboard**

Mr. Scott presented this informational agenda item on the Congestion Analysis in the Urban Analysis Dashboard. He said FDOT has developed an interactive dashboard for Urban Mobility Analysis that can be manipulated to illustrate performance of all the NHS roadways in Florida by Area. Mr. Scott reviewed the dashboard and noted some data is useful for grants. He referred to the following link where the interactive map referenced can be accessed: <https://tableau.tamu.edu/t/TTI/views/SUMAFloidaFreightPerformance/PrimaryDashboard?:showAppB&:isGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&:embed=y> Mr. Gogoi noted the dashboard also provides rankings

of counties statewide. Mr. Scott mentioned incident related congestion. He asked if there were any questions. There were none. Chair Zambrano thanked Mr. Scott for the informational presentation.

### **Agenda Item #9 - Provide Input on Potential Joint Lee and Collier Committee Meeting Agenda Items**

Mr. Scott presented this agenda item for input on potential Joint Lee and Collier Committee Meetings. He said the Lee and Collier MPO's are planning on holding joint committee meetings in October, and staff is seeking input on potential agenda items for those upcoming meetings. He mentioned the following agenda items that staff has discussed so far: status of the regional roadway projects on roads crossing the county line and information on the 2020 census and schedule. Other suggested items included Old US 41, SR 82, I-75, 951, and update of the joint agreement. The committee also discussed traffic volumes, when widening of I-75 occurred, when traffic counts were done, hotel occupancy numbers, increased percent of leisure travel resulting from COVID, grant funding, potential tri-county regional meeting, possibility of meeting at Babcock, concerns of population growth and impact on infrastructure, improvements needed, Burnt Store Road, River Road, and projects eventually ending up in LRTPs.

### **Other Business**

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

Chair Zambrano asked about the member of the public that was at the meeting. Mr. Steve Ludwinski with the Corradino Group introduced himself. Mr. Scott handed out a paper written by Mr. Thomas Kanell on transit improvements for Lee County. Mr. Kanell's paper can be viewed here:

<https://leempo.com/wp-content/uploads/Public-Comment-T-Kanell-Timed-Transfer-System-for-Lee-County.pdf>

### **Agenda Item #11 – Announcements**

Mr. Scott announced the SR 80 construction meeting was being held next Tuesday at the St. Vincent Catholic Church in Fort Myers Shores. Mr. Gary Harrell announced that he was remaining with the Charlotte County-Punta Gorda MPO through September, or until a replacement could be found and trained.

### **Agenda Item #12 - Topics for next meeting**

There were no topics suggested for next meeting.

### **Agenda Item #13 - Information and Distribution Items**

The Information and Distribution Items included the FDOT RoadWatch Report.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.**

**An audio recording of the entire meeting can be accessed here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-390911534/08-05-2021-tacwma>**

\*Action Items    †May Require Action

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